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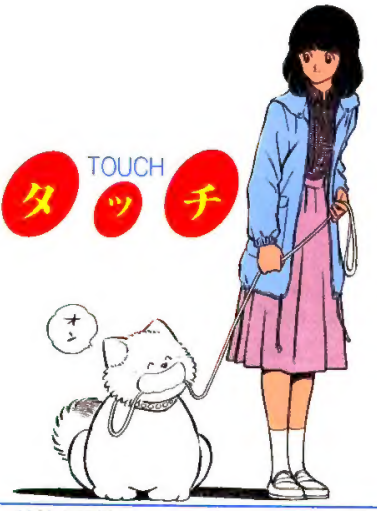

★高等部進学をひかえ、トレーニングにはげむ和也くん。
★そして、和也に期待をかけ、甲子園を夢見る南ちゃん。
★そしてそして、もう一人。借金返済のため、ひたすらバ
★イトの達也くん。もうすぐ高校生ですよ、タッちゃん!!

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タッチ

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Oh, My
Goodness!

★前巻までのあらすじ★

上杉達也と和也は、双子の兄弟。兄の達也は、楽天的な性格で、努力という言葉に縁のない人。一方、弟の和也は、まじめで成績優秀な努力の人。しかも、明青中野球部のエース。

そしてもう一人。上杉家のとなりに住む、明るくてかわいい中三の同級生・浅倉南。

この三人、子どもの頃から大の仲良し。だが、年頃になるにつれ微妙に変化。達也と南は、だれもが認めるただの幼なじみで、和也と南は、だれもが認める間柄となった次第。

そして、日曜日の今日、和也と南は映画にでかけ、達也は、九人目のナインとして、草野球に出場中……!!

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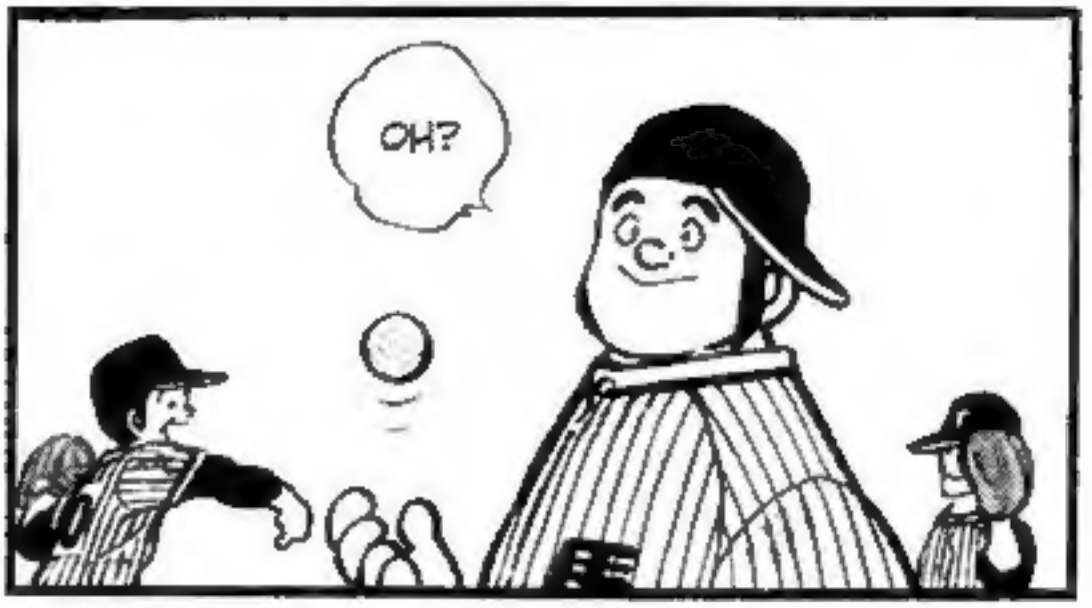
Oh, My Goodness!

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sakuramachi Miracles									
Toyoma Co-ops									

IT'S PERFECT.
OH NO...
SLIP
MAYBE A LITTLE ON THE LARGE SIDE? THAT UNIFORM...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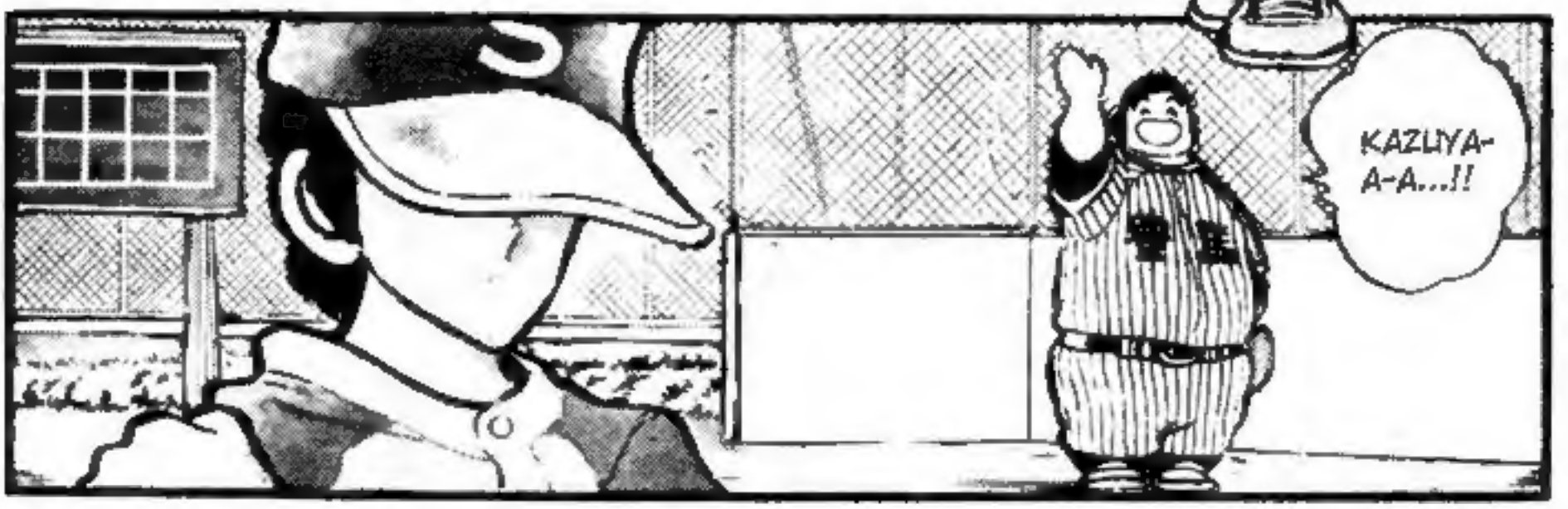
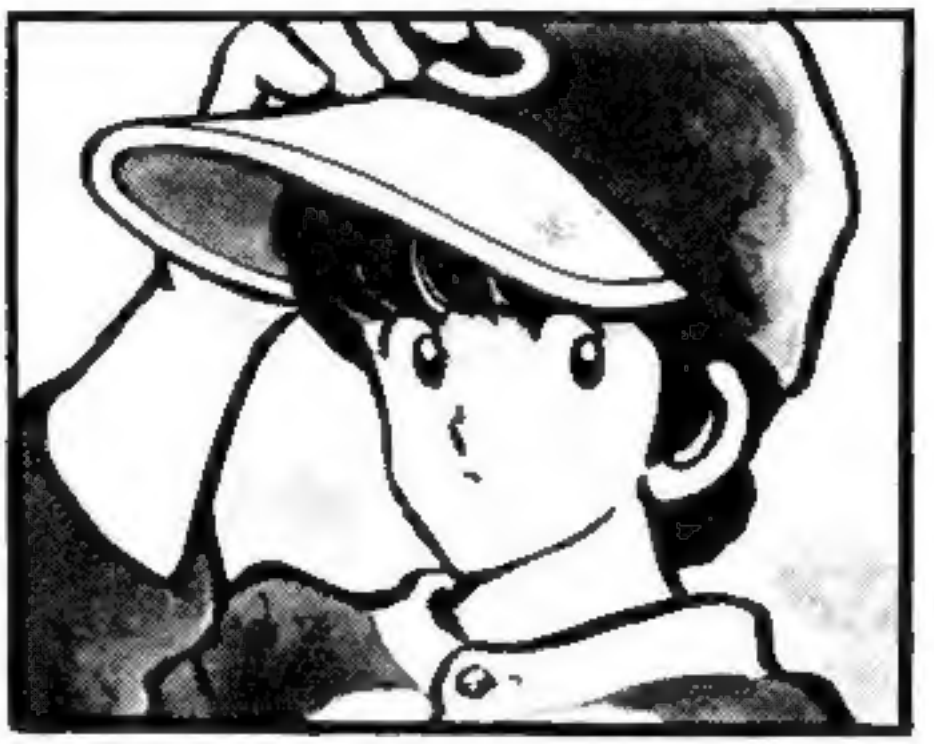

KAZUYA-A-A...!!

STUPID OLDER BROTHER ...
-A-A-A'S...



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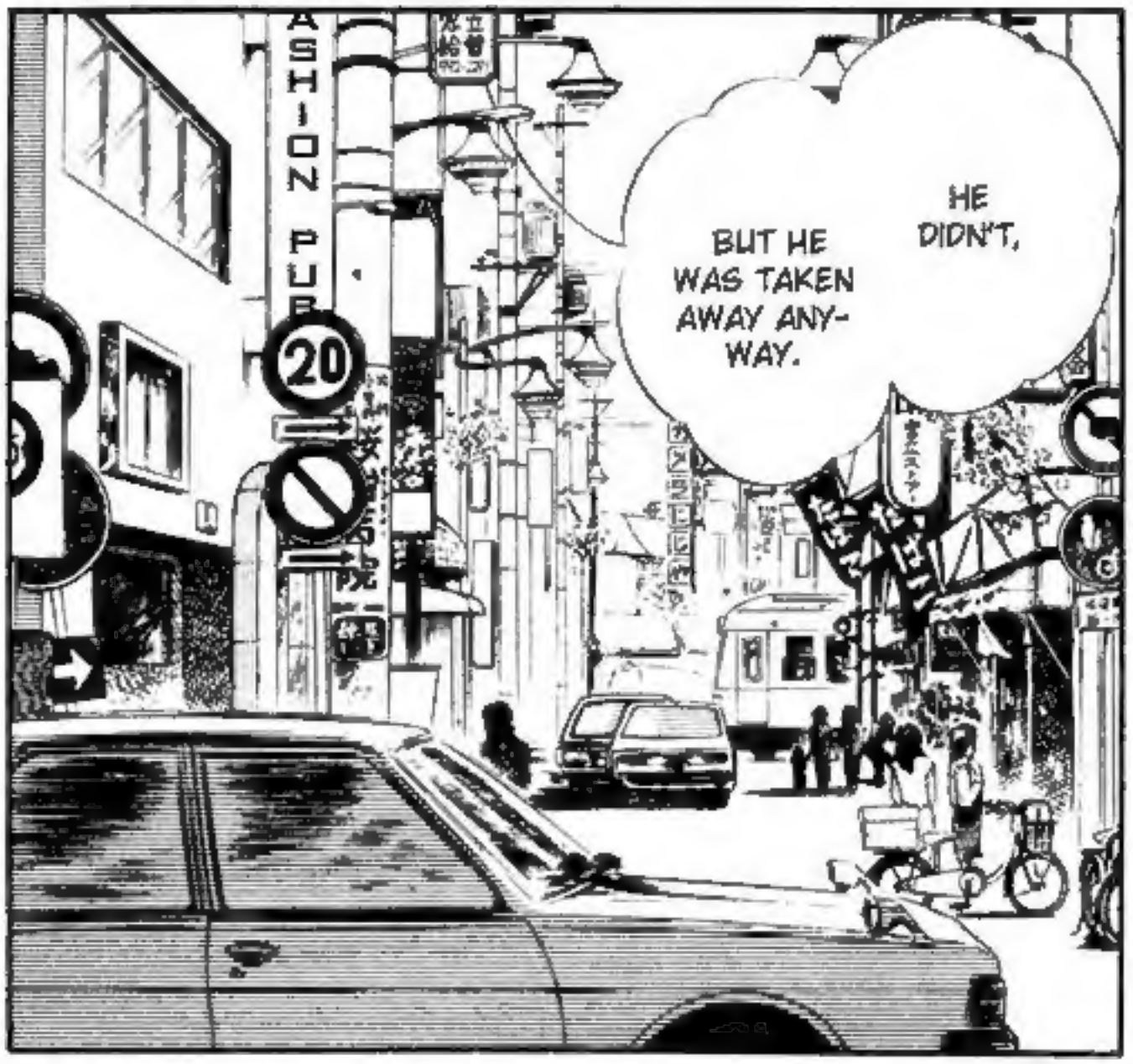

DID TATCHAN WAKE UP AND LEAVE ON TIME?

"SUMMER OF MEMORIES" IS ONLY PLAYING UNTIL TODAY!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THAT'S NO GOOD!

HUH?

WE CAN BAIL ON THE MOVIE...

OH, IF YOU'RE CONCERNED, SHALL WE GO WATCH?

WELL ... SURE ...

IN JUST SOME SANDLOT GAME...

BESIDES, WIN OR LOSE, IT'S OKAY IF YOU JUST HAVE FUN, ISN'T IT?

OH?

WOULD YOU RATHER GO TO A SANDLOT GAME THAN A MOVIE WITH ME, KATCHAN?

OR, WHAT?

'CAUSE WE'VE HAD A PROMISE SINCE LAST WEEK!

TODAY WE'RE SEEING THE MOVIE!

OKA-A-AY.

OH, NO... YOU SEEMED CONCERNED ABOUT IT, SO THAT'S WHY I ASKED.

BATTING FIRST, IN CENTER, HATT-SAN!

BATTING SECOND, AT THIRD, KUMA-SAN!

BATTING THIRD AND PITCHING, MASTER!

BATTING FOURTH, AT FIRST ...

AND... BATTING NINTH, IN RIGHT, TATCHAN!

THAT'S ALL!

PLAY BALL!

IN RIGHT, BATTING NINTH, HUH!?

THEY MUST BE EXPECTING A LOT OUT OF ME!

C'MON, HATT-SAN. LET'S GO GET 'EM!

Summer of

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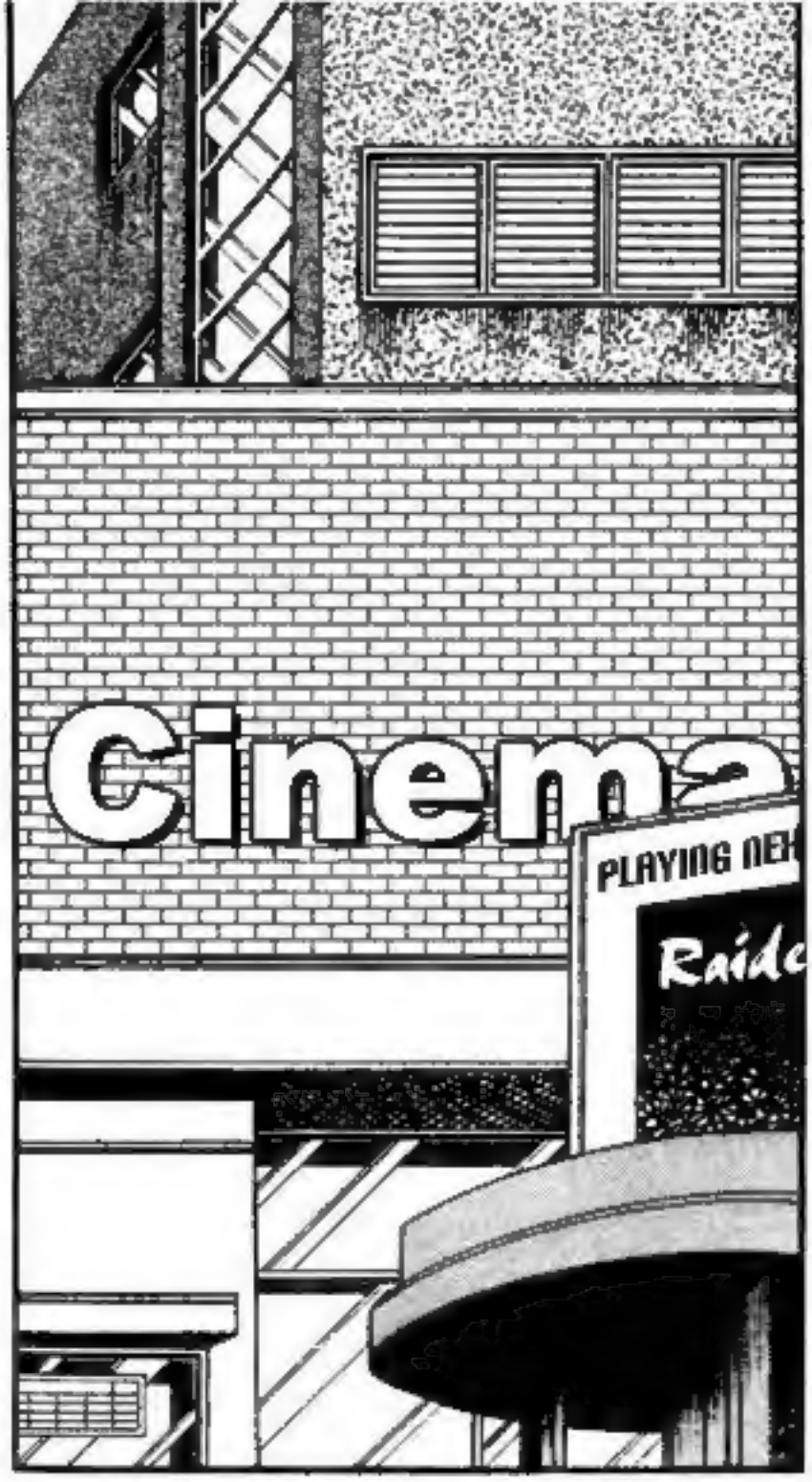
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AH ...
YES, YES.
KATCHAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

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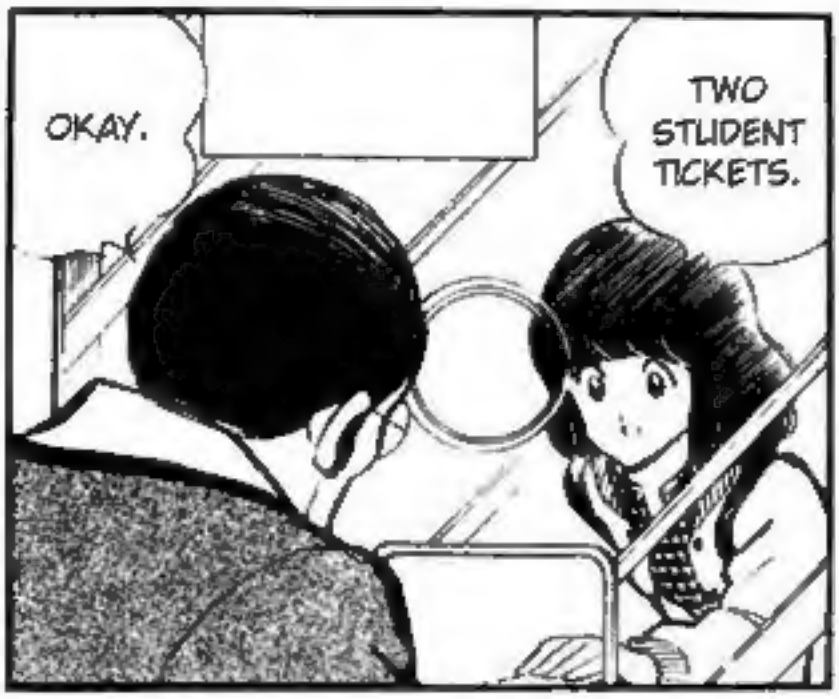
OKAY.
TWO STUDENT TICKETS.

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OH?

YOU'RE NEXT IN THE BATTING ORDER...

MMM?

HEY, HURRY UP AND GRAB A BAT!

WE'RE HAMMERING THEM, BATTING ONCE AROUND!

RIGHT!

HEH HEH.

I'M BATTING NINTH, RIGHT?

BUT, IT'S STILL THE FIRST INNING, RIGHT?

URG!

PLOCK

ARRGGG!

HM?

THUMP

THUMP

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ALL RIGHT. NICE HITTING!

SAFE!

URG!

WHAT A MAGNIFICENT HAMMER-ING...

TWO OUTS! TWO OUTS!

HEY, HEY.

YES, YES.

WHAT'S WITH THE "ALL RIGHT"?

FOOD, FOOD.

ALL RIGHT!

AH!

豊 馬

=TRANSLATION NOTE DOESN'T TRANSLATE WELL. KOJITAROU IS REVERSING THE SYLLABLES OF HIS PREVIOUS LINE THAT IS, FROM <SHIME SHIME> = "ALL RIGHT" TO <MESHI MESHI> = "FOOD. FOOD" =

FEEBLE

ARRGGG!

BALL!

SLIP

UNLIKE SOMEBODY, HE'S WONDERFUL FOR JUST REACHING THE PLATE.

EVEN THOUGH THIS IS JUST A SANDLOT GAME, THAT WAS OUT-RAGEOUS...

I SEE... YOU SAW IT LAST WEEK WITH KAORI-CHAN, HUH...?

I COULDN'T TURN HER DOWN...

I'M SORRY...

HMM ...

AH, THAT'S NOT IT.

AND SO THAT'S WHY YOU SAID, LET'S GO SEE THE SANDLOT GAME?

I SEE, I SEE.

I DIDN'T CONCENTRATE ON THE MOVIE, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, FOR TODAY'S SAKE.

LAST WEEK ...

BUT... I DIDN'T WATCH IT WELL...

.....

IT'LL BE MY TREAT, SO LET'S GO.

I'M SORRY!

EH?

YOU WON'T LIVE LONG, KATCHAN...

SURE, I MIGHT GET MAD SOME-TIMES...

IF NOT WITH OTHERS, PLEASE BE MORE EASYGOING WITH ME, AT LEAST...

YOU WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT PEOPLE...

...BUT I WON'T COME TO HATE YOU...

.....

RIGHT ...

THE BASEBALL COMEDY!

TO THE MOVIE?

LET'S GO.

ARRG GHH!!

FEEBLE

WHOOSH!

STRIKE!

THWACK

.....

OW OW!

IS THIS A BALL THAT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL DISAPPEAR IF I DON'T KEEP A CLOSER EYE ON IT?

HEY, TATCHAN! KEEP A CLOSER EYE ON THE BALL!

FEEBLE

ARRGGG!!

I CAN EVEN SEE THE MANUFACTURER'S NAME CLEARLY!

STRIKE! BATTER OUT!

....

HMF.

OH NO...

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL STRIKE-OUT...

.....

WHAT?

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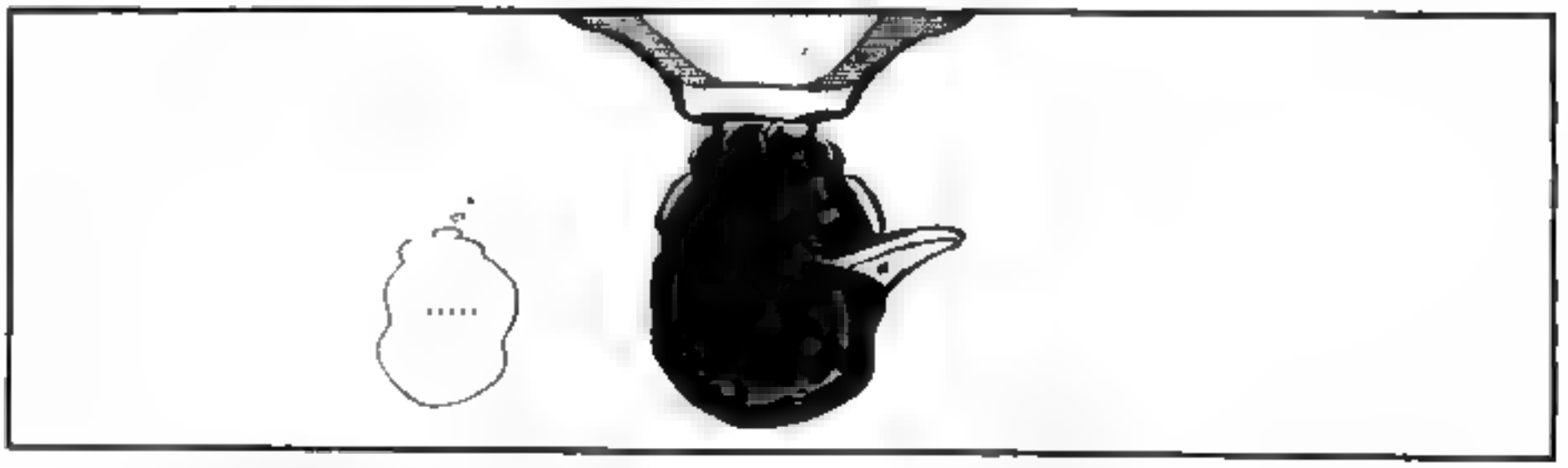
Sakuramachi Miracles	4							
Toyoma Co-ops								

CRASH

PLOCK

OOMF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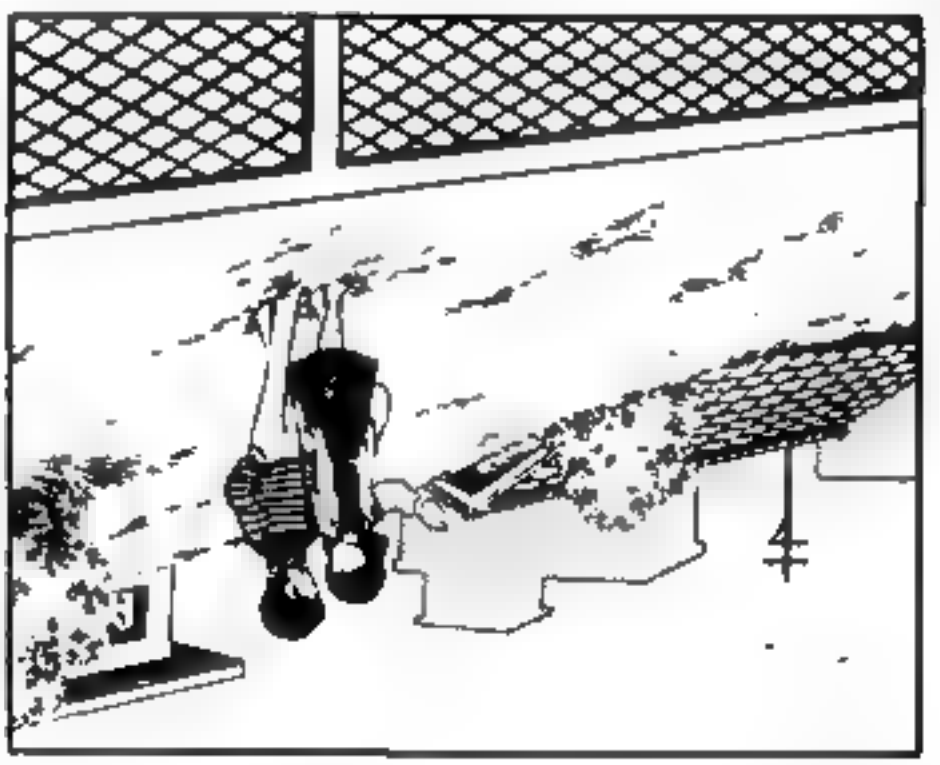
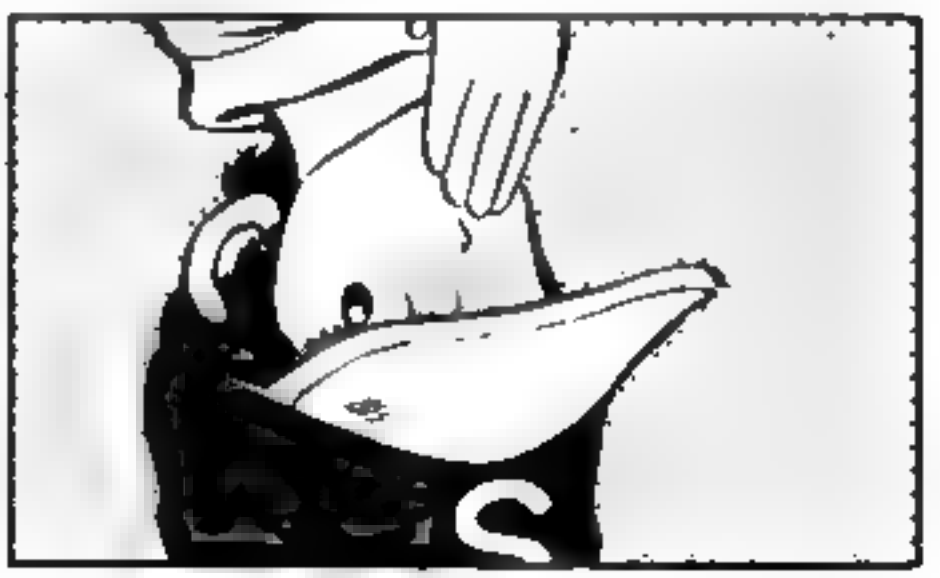
WWWN





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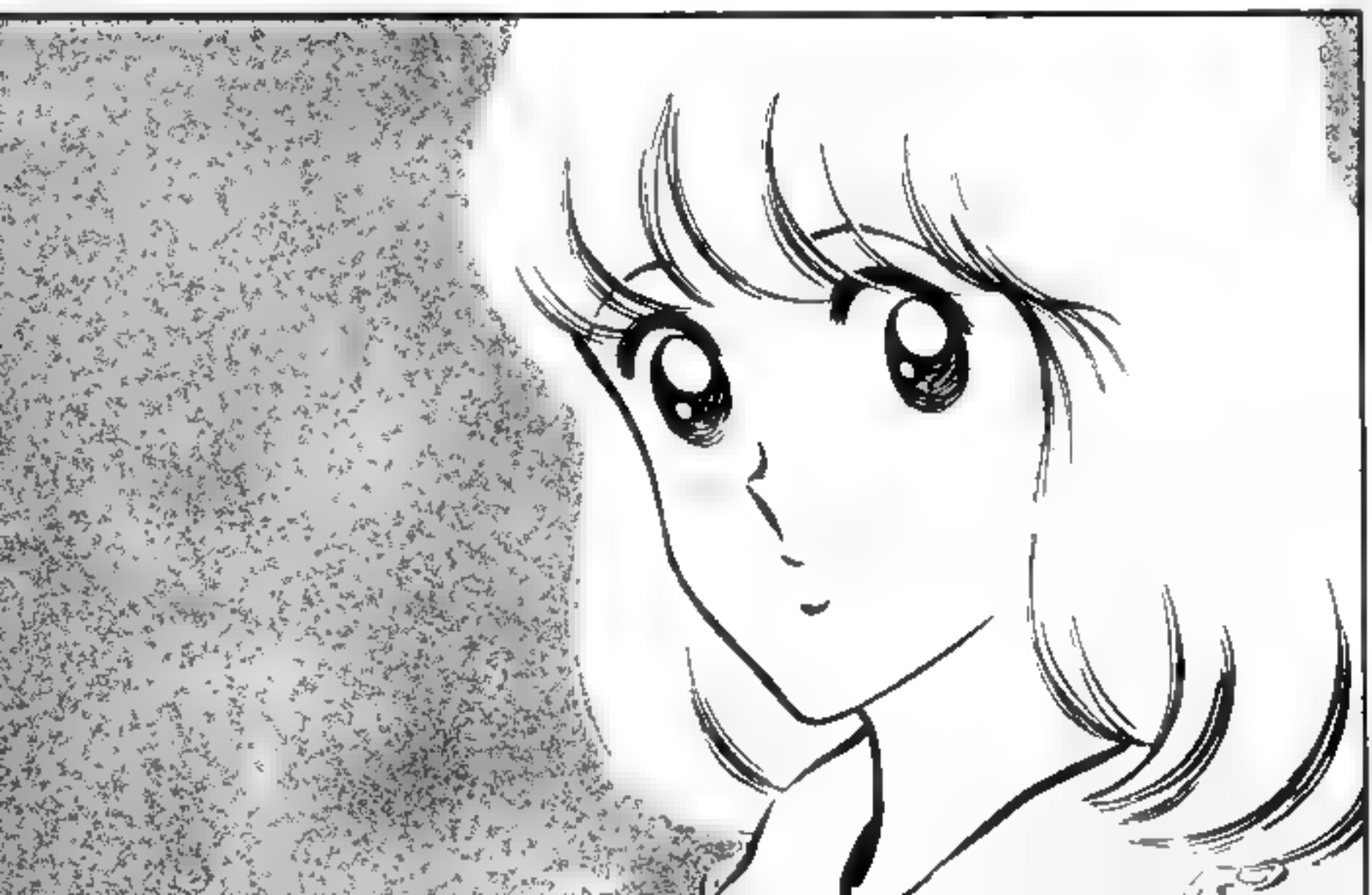

URRGG!
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GUTS!
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SAKURA
STRIKE!
BATTER
OUT!
BAM

HI!
YOU'RE
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FATHER!
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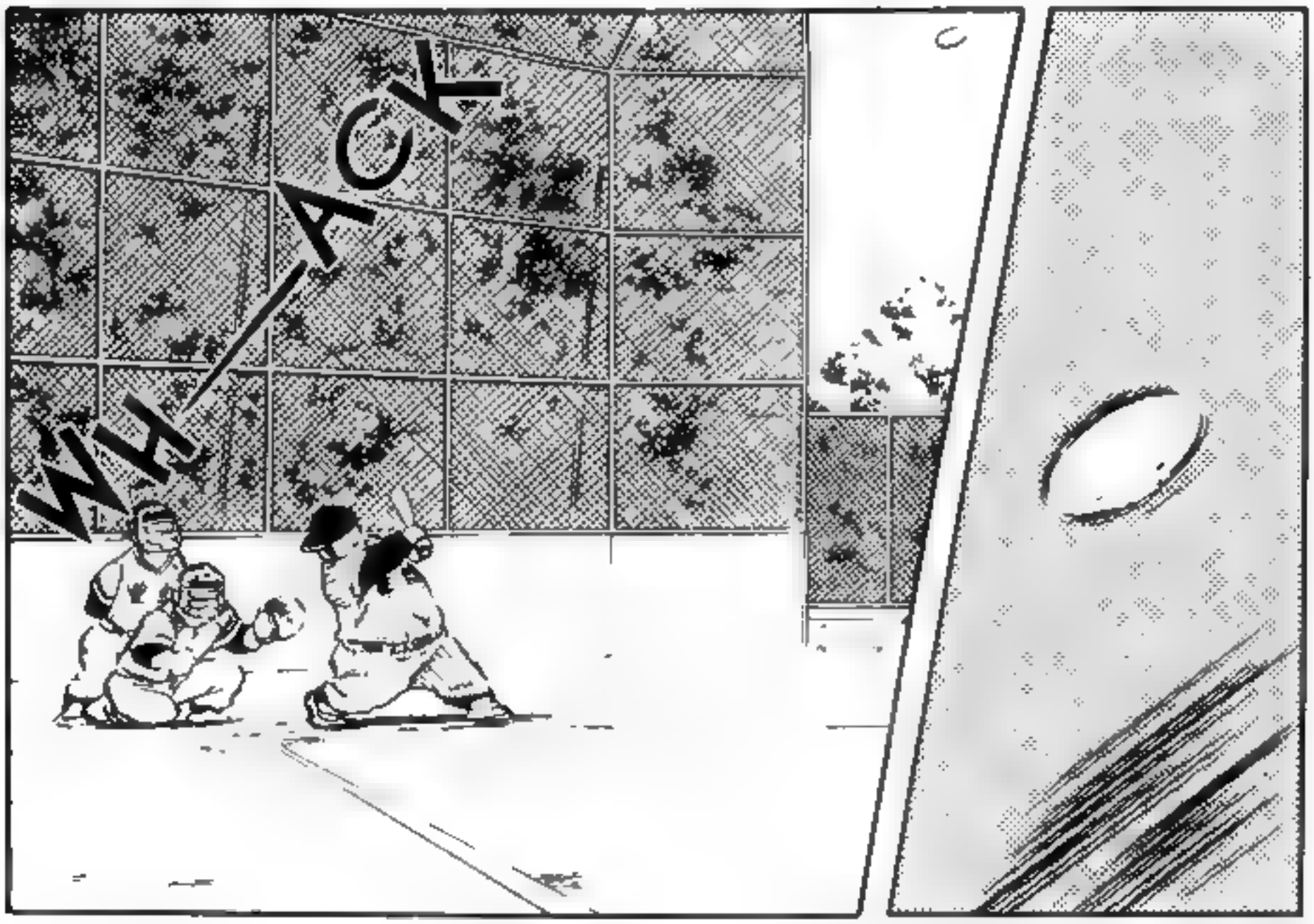

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RIGHT!

EH?

WHAP!

WELL DONE, TATCHAN!

WOW! HE CAUGHT IT! HE CAUGHT IT!

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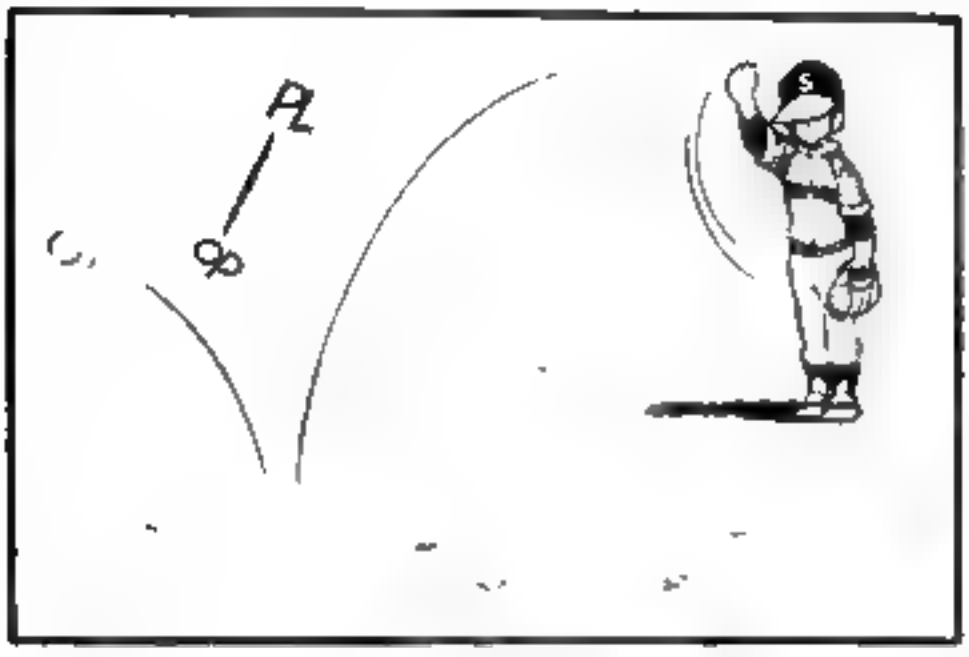
CRACK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CHEERS, CHEERS!

OF COURSE HE'D CATCH IT...
BUT, GIVEN IT'S A FLY BALL THAT WAS HIT STRAIGHT AT HIM...

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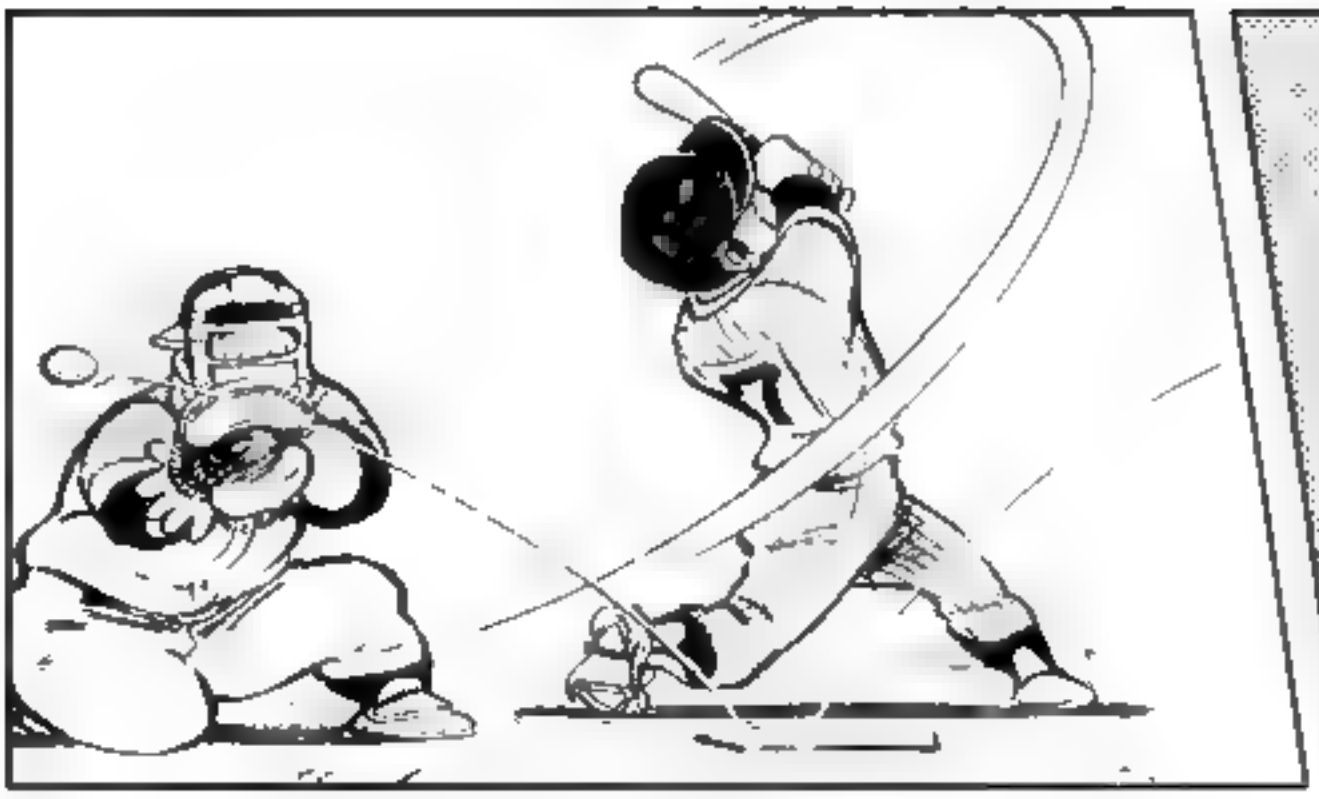

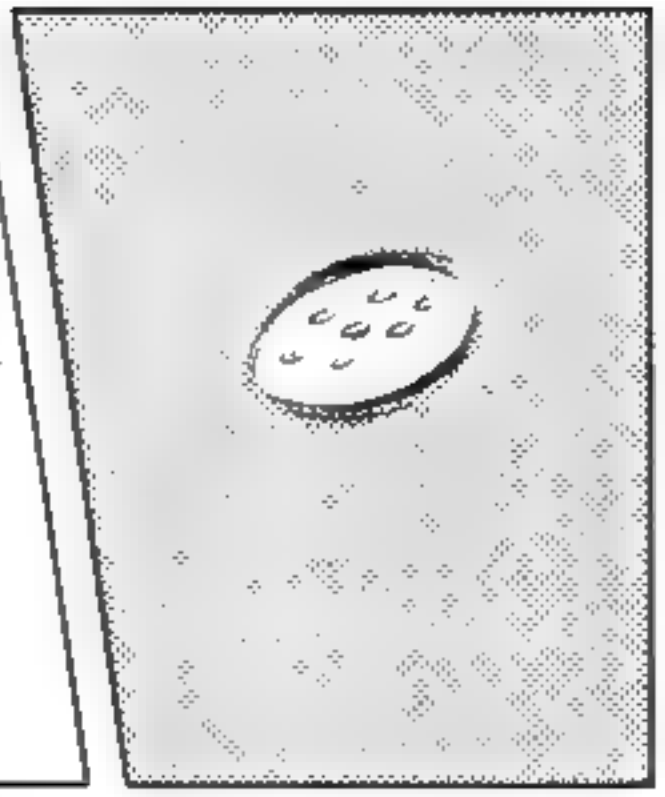

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sakuramachi Miracles	4	1	1					
Toyoma Co-ops	0	2	0					

AND NOW, ENTER THE STAR OF THIS COMEDY.

WHOOSH!

ARRGGG!

FEEBLE

.....

OW!

STRIKE!

LAZILY

HEYYY! KEEP A CLOSER EYE ON THE BALL!

YOU PARENT AND CHILD... DON'T BE SAYING THE SAME THING.

MMF!

WHOOSH!!

JEEZ ...

HIS TIMING'S TOTALLY OFF.

STRIKE TWO!

IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.

THEN, WHY ISN'T HE HITTING IT WITH HIS BAT?

...AND HE'S GETTING HIS TIMING, TOO.

HE'S SEEING THE BALL CLEARLY...

HE DOESN'T KNOW THE SPEED OF HIS OWN SWING...

STRIKE! BATTER OUT!
MMF
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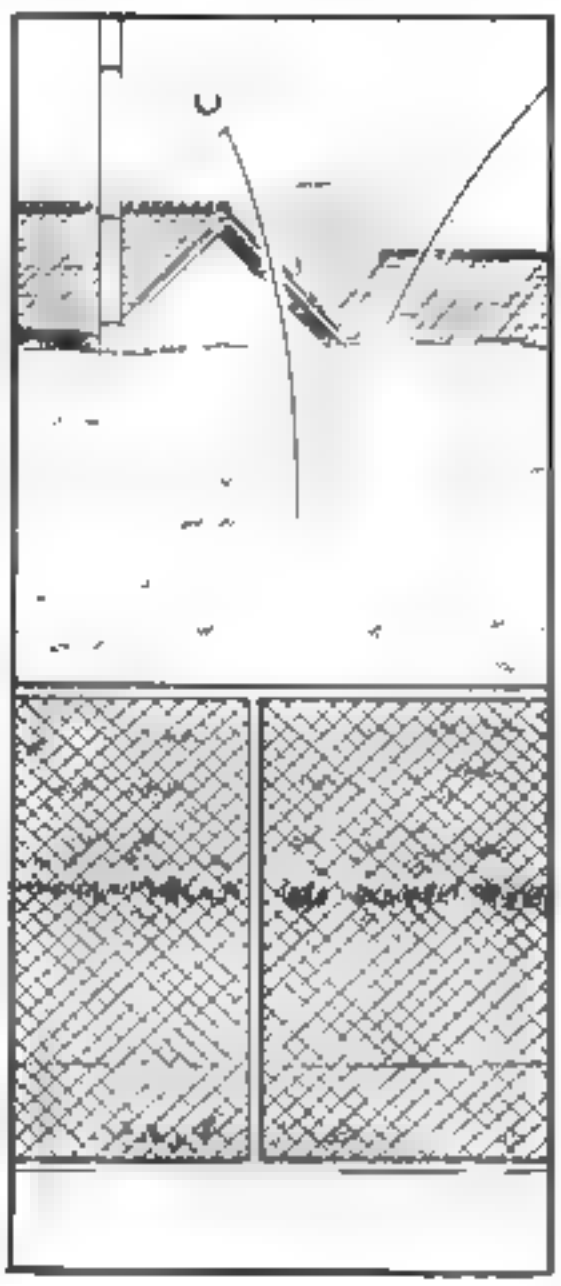
HMM...

CLANK

AMAZING, HUH?
DID YOU SEE THAT, MINAMI-CHAN?



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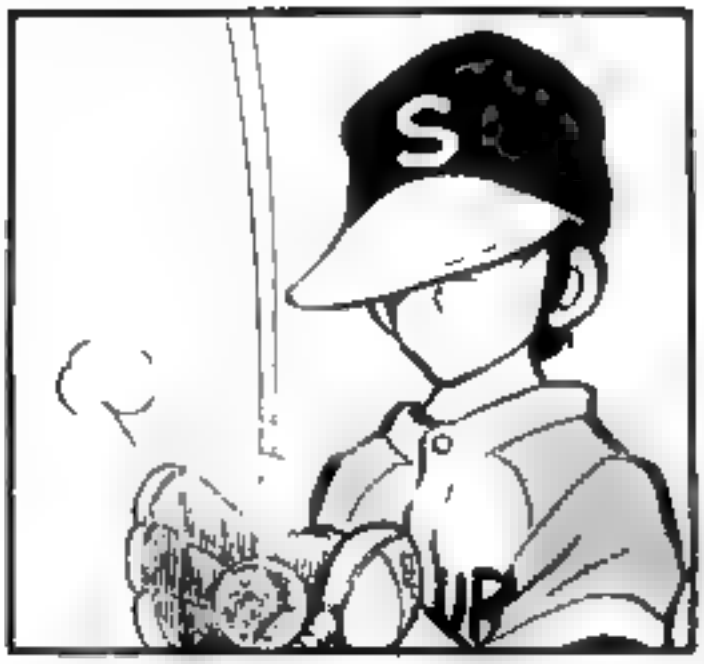
YOU BETTER REMEM-BER IT!
HOW DARE YOU HIT ONE OFF MY FATHER...



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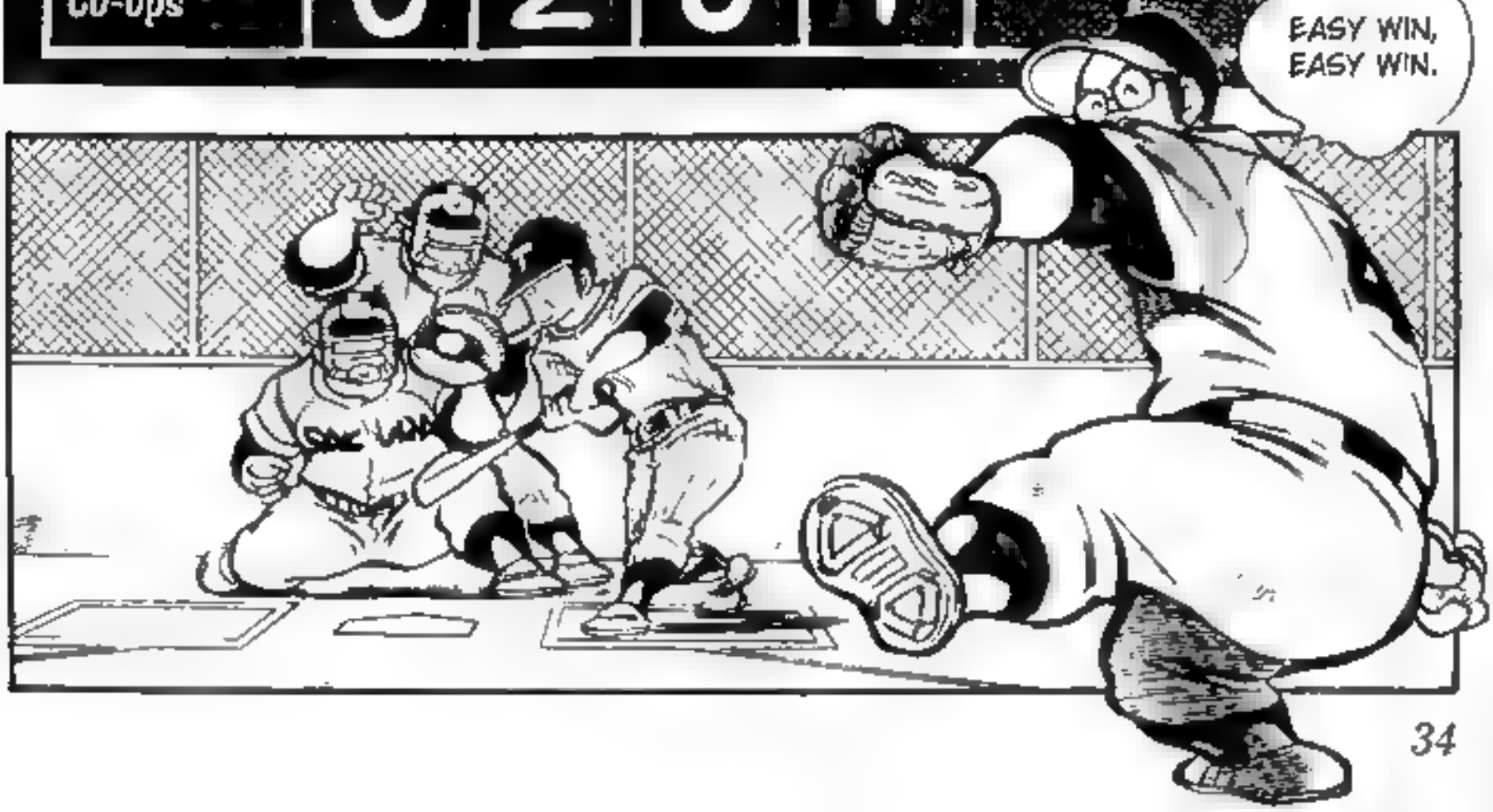
Sakuramachi Miracles	4	1	1	2	3		
Toyoma Co-ops	0	2	0	1			



WHO'S THE ONE WHO MADE IT A LONG GAME LIKE THIS!?

WHO CARES!? YOU'RE BEING WHACKED AROUND SO MUCH!

I WONDER IF I CAN GET THERE ON TIME...

CLANK

WHAT A PROBLEM ...

A RELATIVE'S WEDDING IS AT ONE O'CLOCK...

'CAUSE ALL WE HAVE IS 9 GUYS!

YEAH! AS LONG AS THE GAME ISN'T OVER, WE WON'T LET YOU LEAVE!!

WELL, LET'S PULL TOGETHER NOW!

CLANK

HAT TRICK!

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LEAD

LEAD

SAK UDA

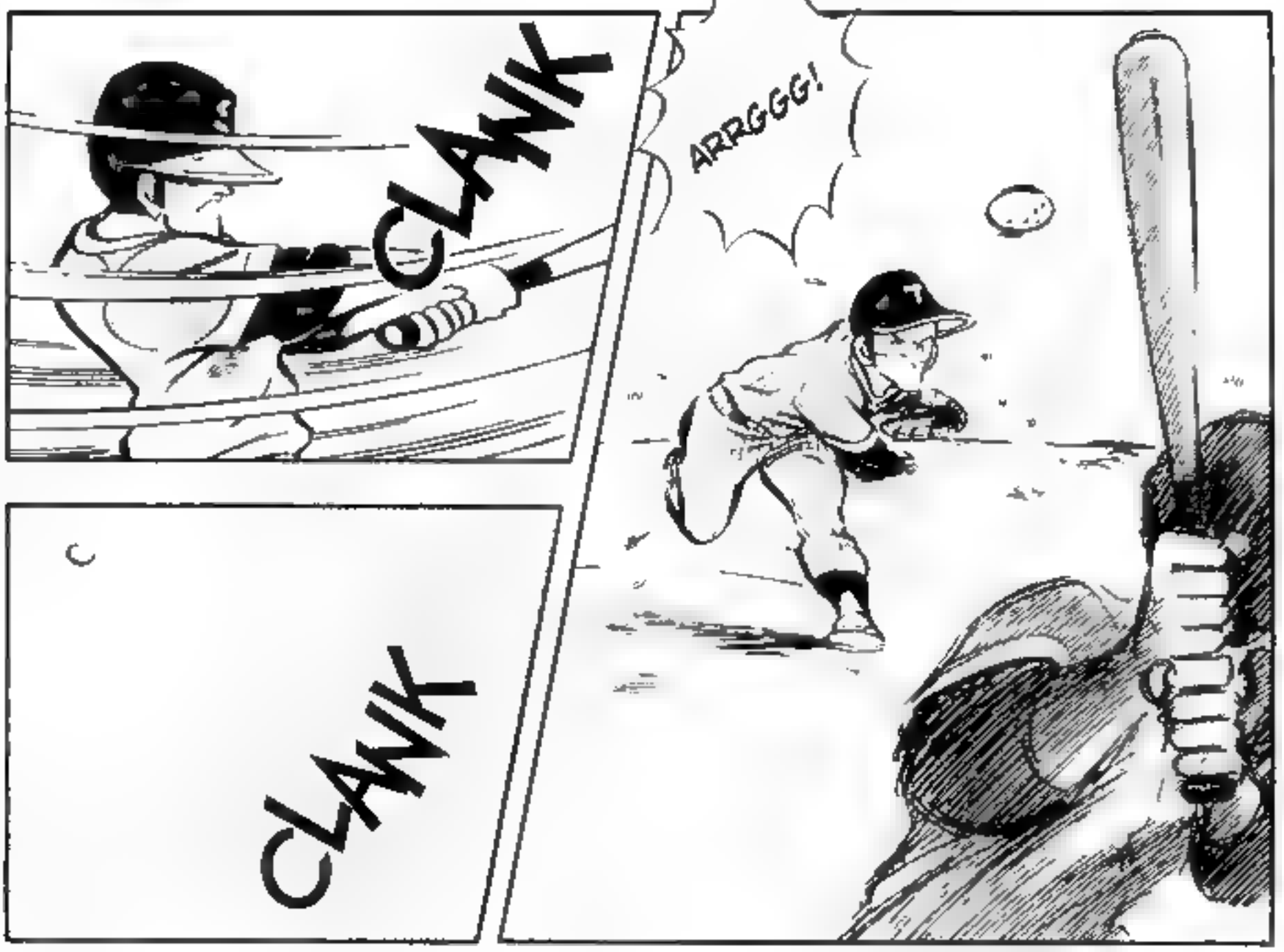
SO LIVELY, AS USUAL.

THAT HE WANTED A SON JUST LIKE YOU, KATCHAN...

FATHER WAS OFTEN SAYING, Y'KNOW...

UH-HUH.

WHEN WE WERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, YOU WERE OFTEN DRAGGED OUT TO THESE, WEREN'T YOU... SANDLOT GAMES...



TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sakuramachi Miracles	4	1	1	2	3	2		
Toyoma Co-ops	0	2	0	1	0			

WHAP

C

ANIKI'S THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T MADE A SINGLE ERROR.

THAT'S MY BRO-THER...

ITS THAT HE'S MAKING THE FLY BALLS HIT STRAIGHT TO HIM.

BUT, IT'S BECAUSE HE'S ONLY GETTING EASY FLY BALLS HIT STRAIGHT TO HIM.

TAKE A LOOK... IT'S 'CAUSE HE DOESN'T KEEP THE SAME DEFENSIVE POSITION.

WHACK

...HE'S MOVING IN THE DIRECTION THE BALL'S FLYING TO HIM.

AT THE MOMENT IT HITS THE BAT ...

IT'S TRUE!

SWISH!

PLOP

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If Anyone Will Do, Then...

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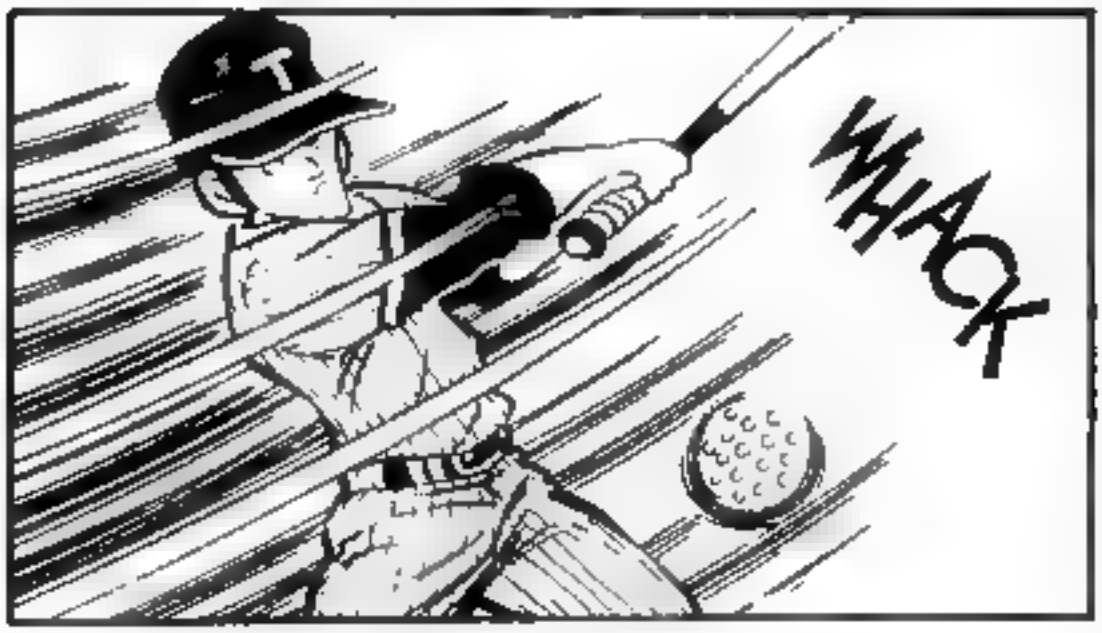

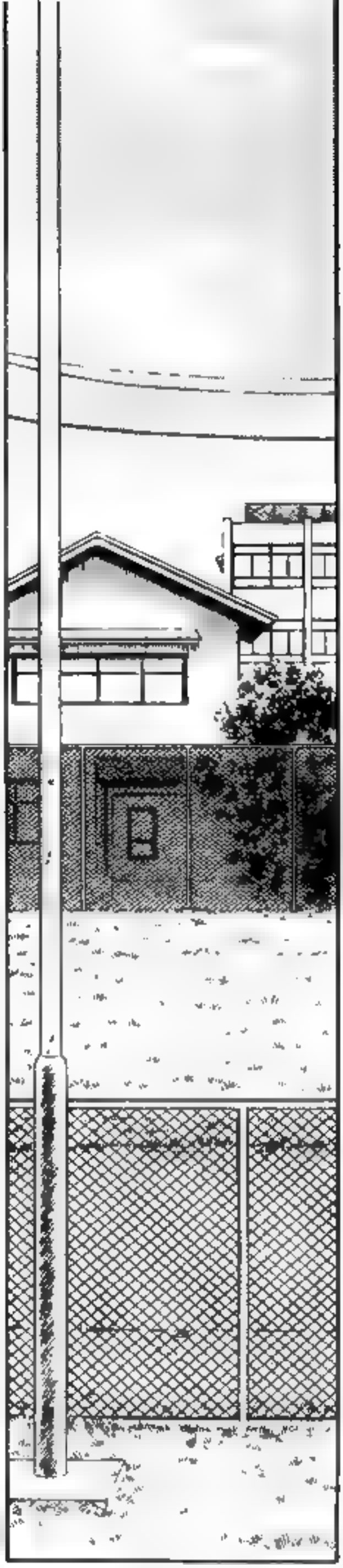

IT'S ALREADY ONE O'CLOCK.

THEY SURE ARE PLAYING SLOWLY...

OH BOY, IT'S THE FINAL INNING AT LAST, HUH.

CHANGE, CHANGE!

LET'S PULL TOGETHER NOW!

WELL!

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HEYYY!
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YAMADA-
A-A!?

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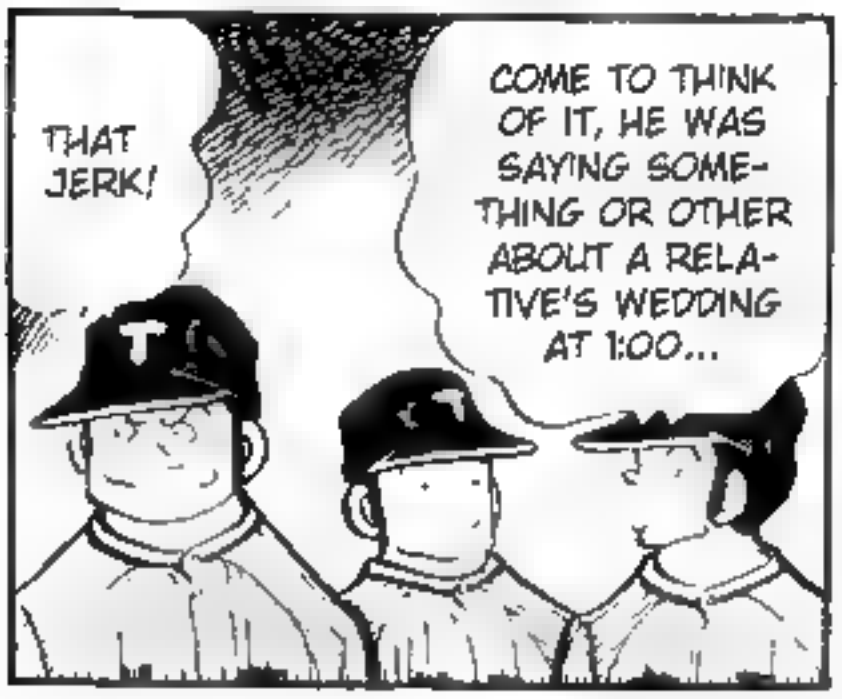
THAT JERK!
COME TO THINK OF IT, HE WAS SAYING SOME-THING OR OTHER ABOUT A RELA-TIVE'S WEDDING AT 1:00...

THE PITCHER RAN AWAY.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, WHAT'S THE MATTER?

WHAT A FIX...

UHH... UNFORTUNATELY, WE DON'T HAVE A RESERVE PLAYER...

ANYONE WILL DO, SO HURRY UP AND THROW!

WE OF THE TOYOMA CO-OPS DON'T GIVE UP GAMES UNTIL THE VERY END!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

WE CAN ALREADY SEE THE GAME'S OUTCOME, TOO...

THEN, SHALL WE STOP HERE?

WHAD-DAYA SAY?

EH?

KAZUYA-A-A!!

OHH! HOW DO YOU INTEND TO PLAY A GAME WITH ONLY 8 PEOPLE?

FOR A PITCHER.

ANYONE WILL DO, RIGHT?

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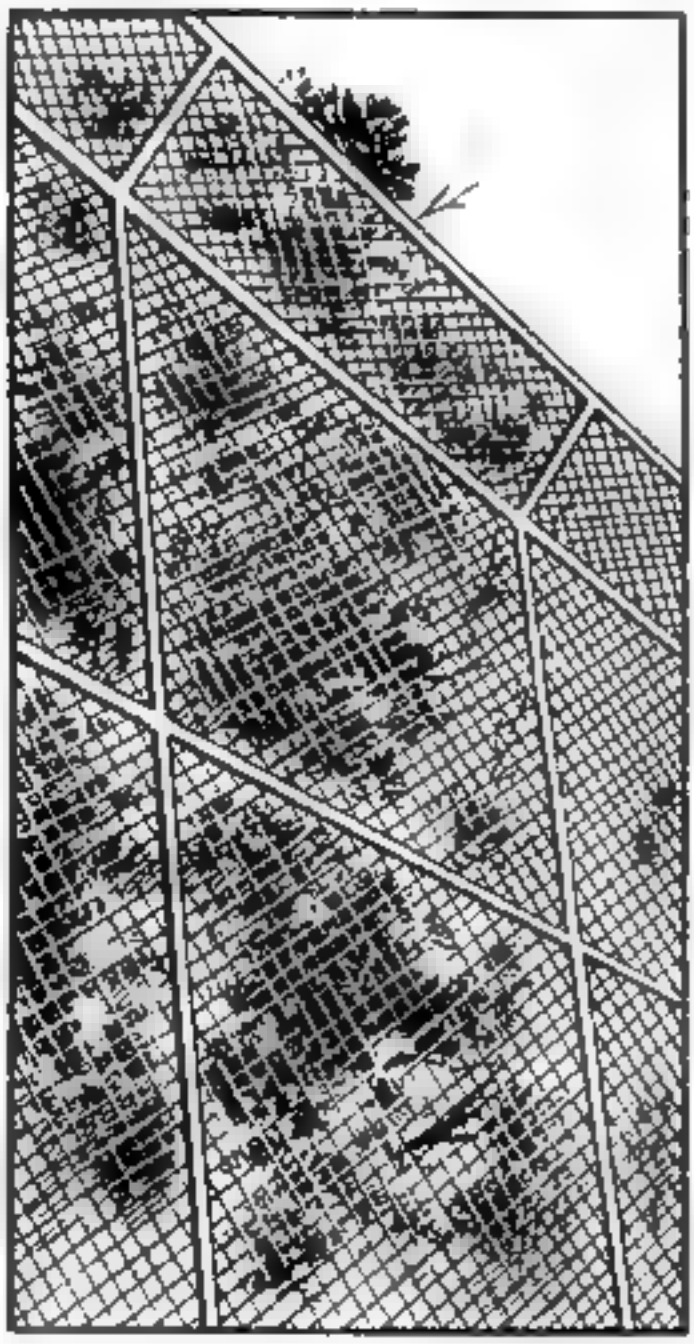


NEVER MIND, NEVER MIND.
YOU AND THE OTHERS AREN'T CAPABLE OF HITTING ANY OF KATCHAN'S PITCHES, FATHER.
DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU...
S
SPK

I SEE.

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

EVEN IF IT'S A STRIKEOUT, YEARS FROM NOW, I'LL EVEN BE TELLING BOASTFUL STORIES ABOUT IT.

BESIDES, IF I CAN HAVE IT THROWN BY A BIG STAR OF THE FUTURE,

CRUNCH!

WHAP

MY GOD

SFX: <SPLAT>

.....

HMPH.

DON'T OVERDO IT AGAIN, AND HURT YOUR LOWER BACK, HUH.

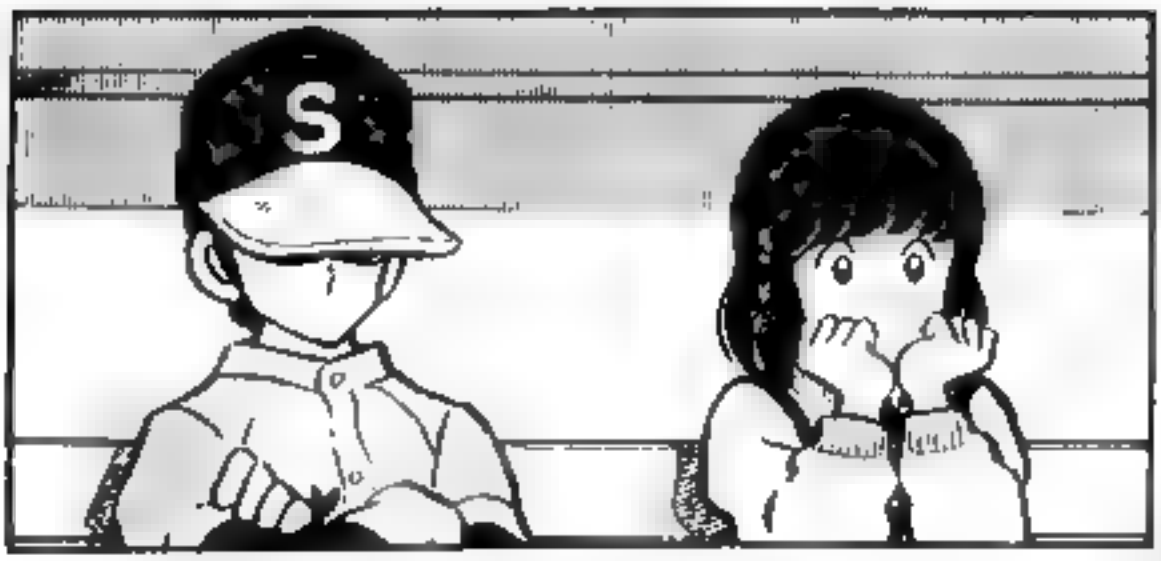
HOW ARE YOU, TATCHAN?

WE GAVE UP...

AHH, IT WAS CROWDED ...

HUH?

WHAT BECAME OF THE MOVIE?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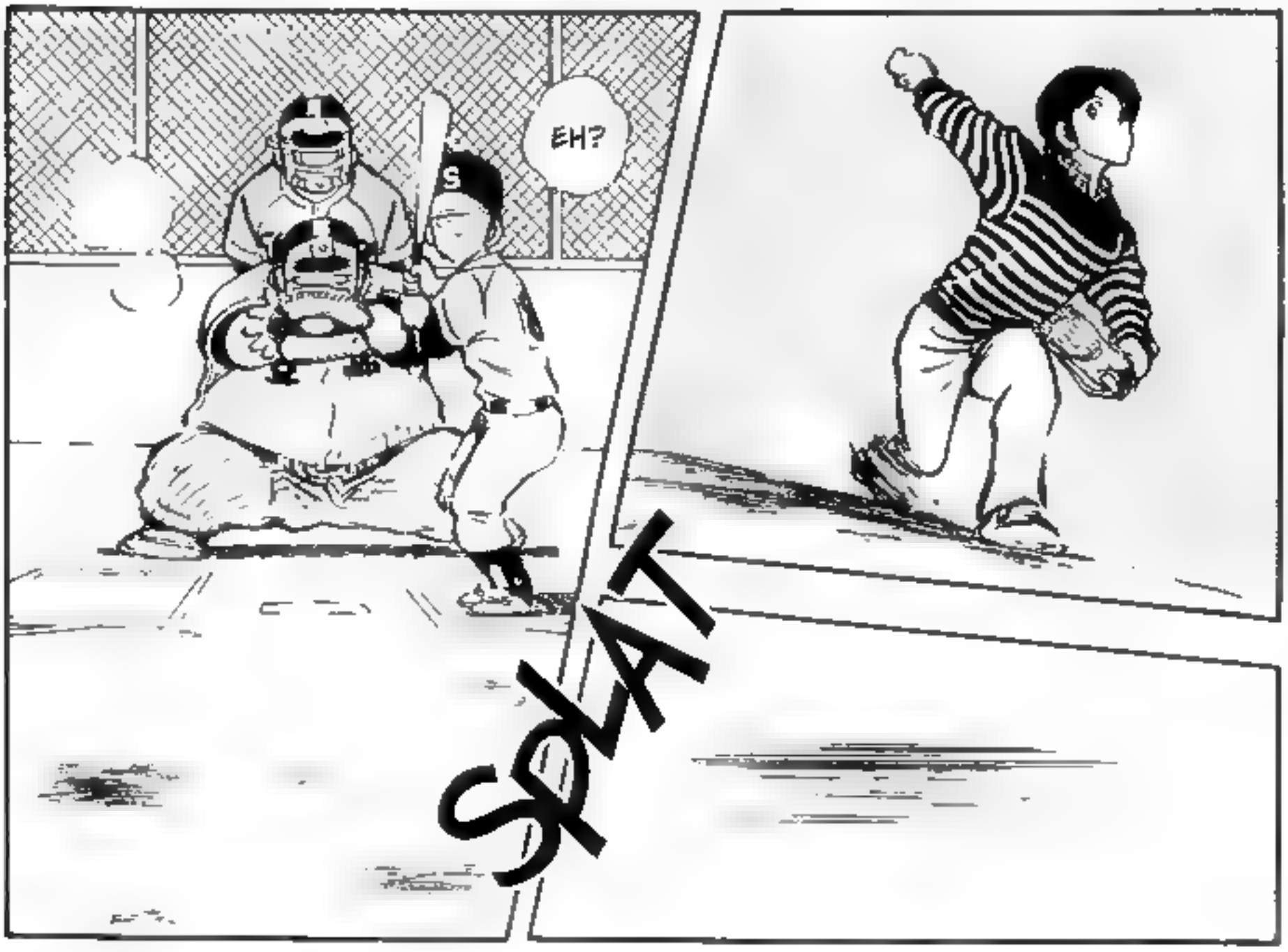
OKAY, I'M READY.

GO EASY ON ME...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SPLAT

UH-OH...

.....
TELLING FUNNY STORIES.

WHAT WILL IT END UP AS BEING, HAVING KNOWN ME?

MAYBE THEY WILL END UP TELLING BOASTFUL STORIES THAT THEY REALLY KNEW KATCHAN, HM.

SFX: <WHAM>

OOO!

YOU'RE BATTING NEXT, RIGHT, TATCHAN?

HEY, YOU SHOULD BE WATCHING.

...

WE'LL SEE THE FATED CONFRON-TATION BETWEEN BROTHERS!!

THIS'LL BE A-MUSING!

HEH HEH.

OH, THAT'S RIGHT!

WHOOSH

EH?

WHIRR

I SEE THE BALL!

OOO!

WHAP
9

KATCHAN ALWAYS PITCHES ALL-OUT.

GETTING ALL SERIOUS AGAINST A SANDLOT PLAYER.

IS HE AN IDIOT!?

OKAY, HERE YOU GO!

THERE'S ONLY 2 OUTS!

WHY? YOU'RE RIGHT AFTER ME, RIGHT?

IT'S HOPE-LESS!

HOW I WANTED TO STAND IN THE BATTER'S BOX JUST ONCE...

AHH-AH. IT WON'T COME AROUND TO ME, HUH!?

HA HA HA!

HA HA HA!

FATHER!

10,000 YEN IF YOU HIT KATCHAN'S PITCH!

ALL RIGHT! I'LL OFFER UP SOME PRIZE MONEY!

NO, NOTHING.

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

EH?

36,000 YEN!

YOU GAVE YOUR WORD!!

NO BACKING OUT!!

36,000 YEN. THAT'S FINE...

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.

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WHIRR

WHIRR

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IF YOU HIT IT...

SURE, SURE 36,000 YEN.

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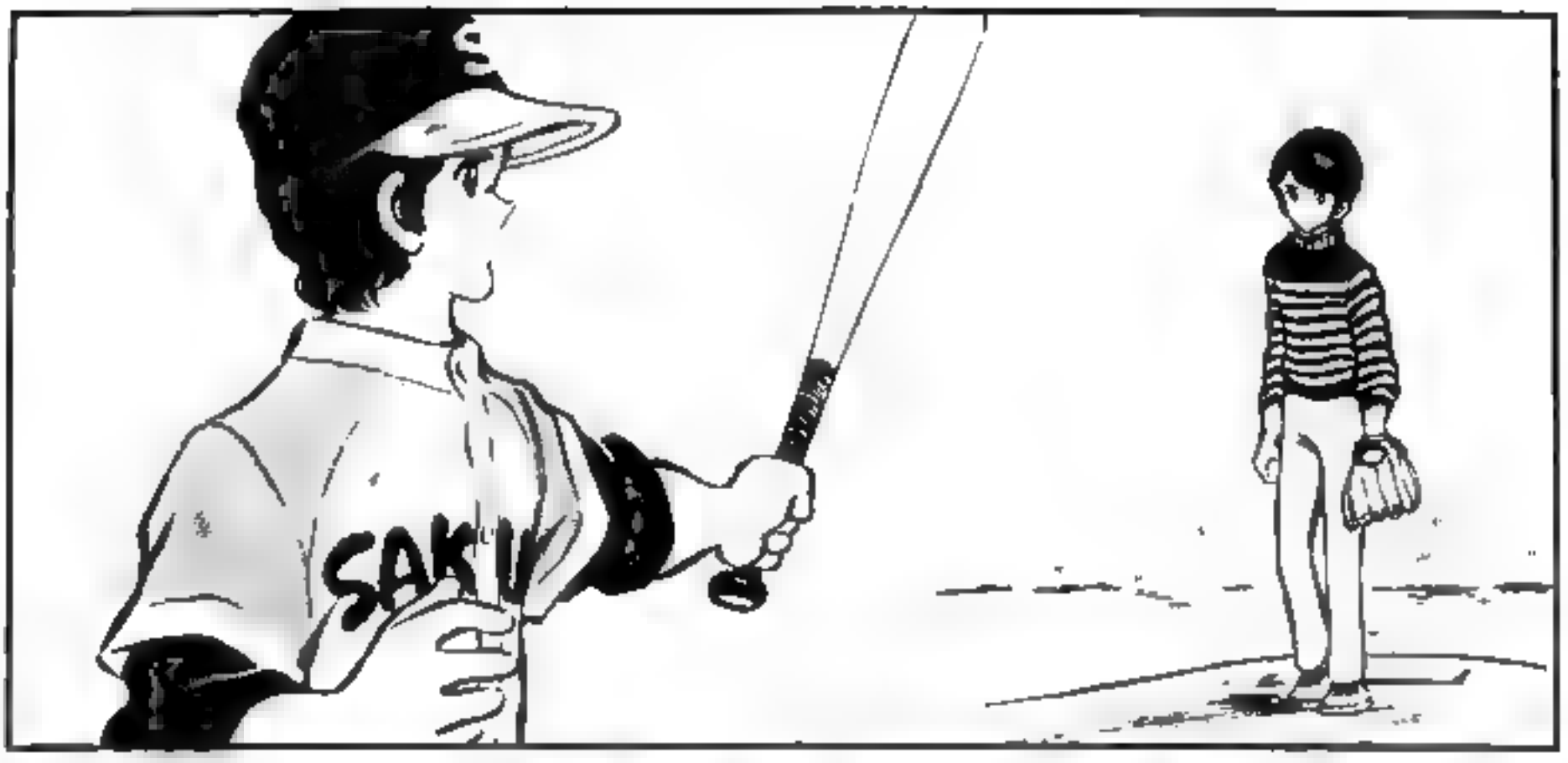
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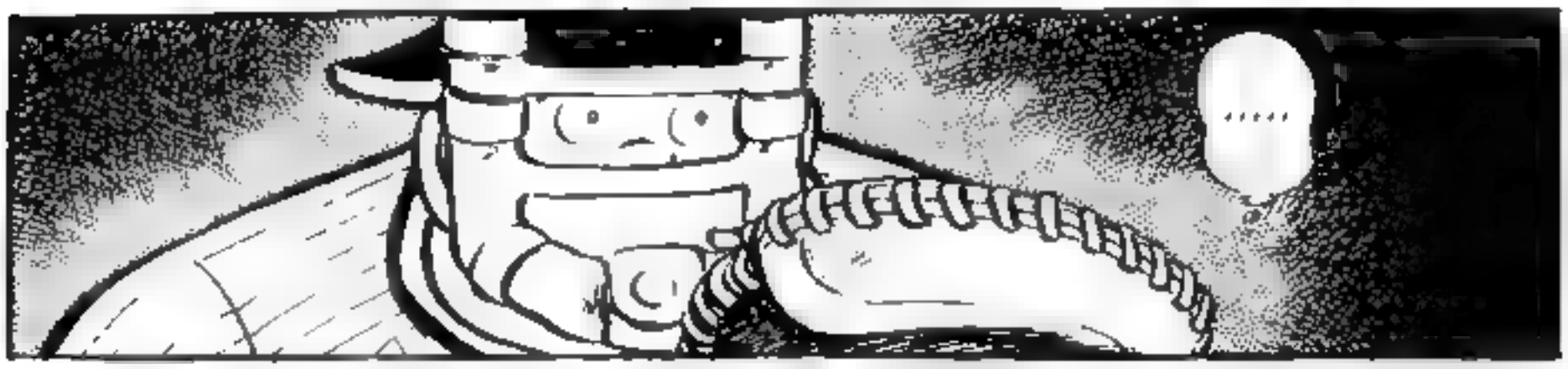
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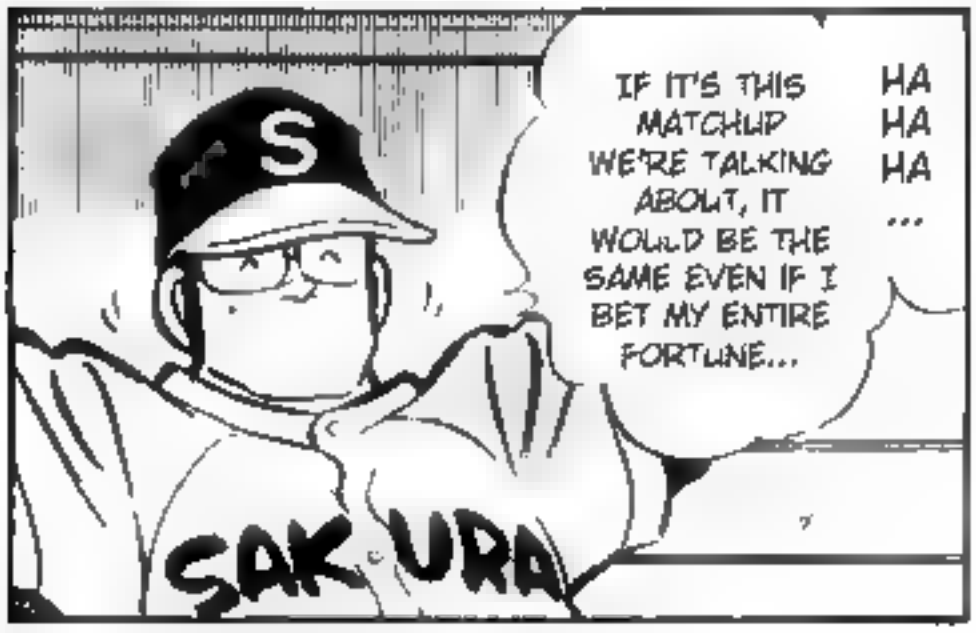

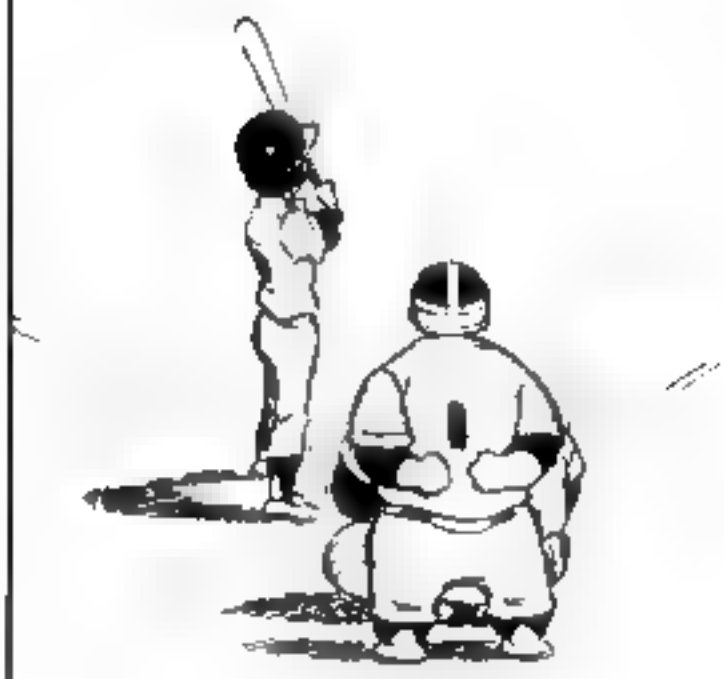

HUH?

SO THEN, ARE YOU GOING TO BET ON TATCHAN GETTING A HIT?

SAKURA

.....

TATCHAN DOES THINGS I DON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETIMES...

I WONDER ...

TIME!

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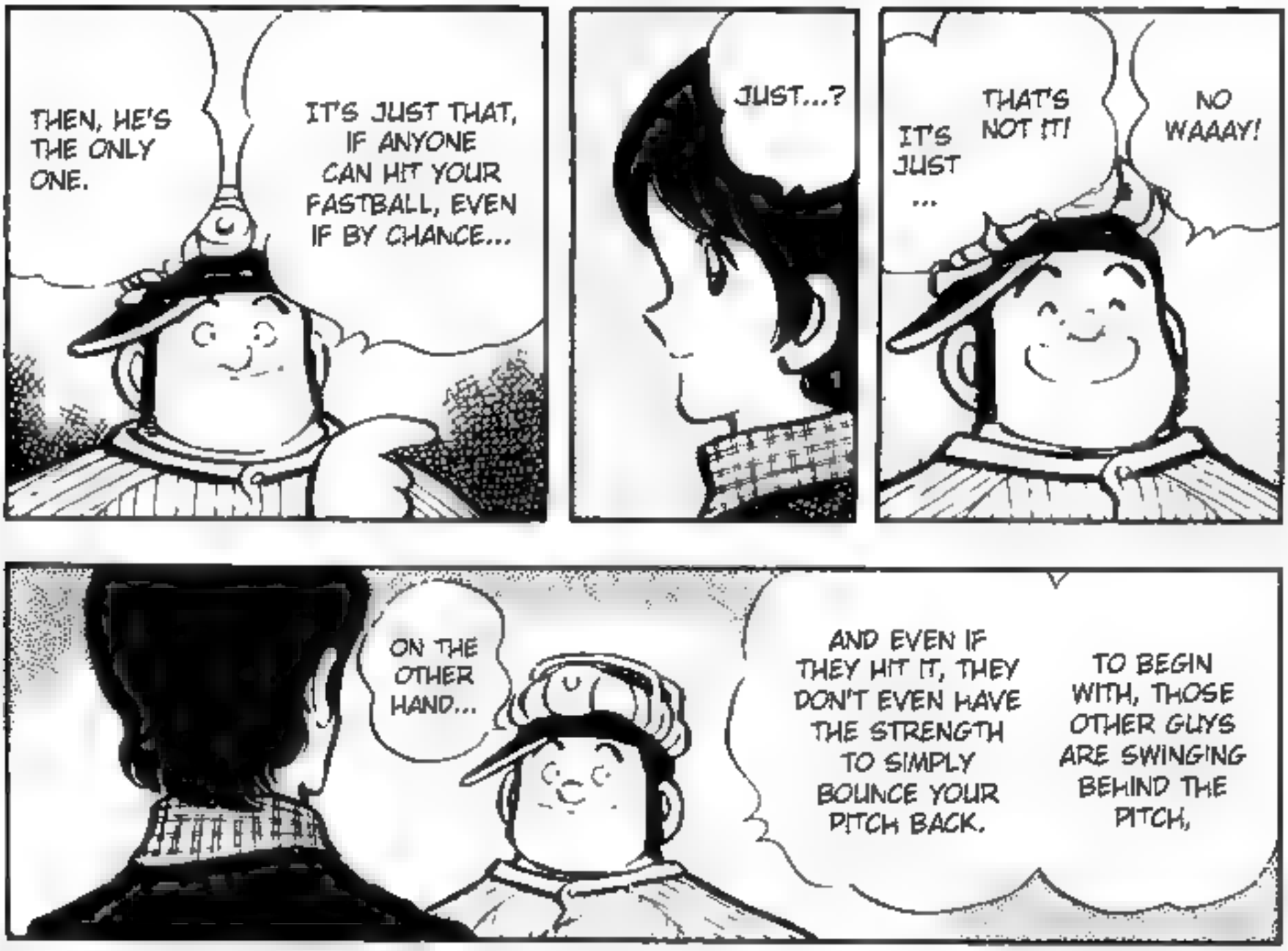
HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO HIT IT.
LET'S GO WITH A SLOWBALL OR CURVE-BALL.
HM?
ARE YOU SAYING HE'LL HIT IT IF IT'S STRAIGHT?


THEN, HE'S THE ONLY ONE.
IT'S JUST THAT, IF ANYONE CAN HIT YOUR FASTBALL, EVEN IF BY CHANCE...
JUST...?
IT'S JUST ...
THAT'S NOT IT!
NO WAAAY!
ON THE OTHER HAND...
AND EVEN IF THEY HIT IT, THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THE STRENGTH TO SIMPLY BOUNCE YOUR PITCH BACK.
TO BEGIN WITH, THOSE OTHER GUYS ARE SWINGING BEHIND THE PITCH,

HURRY IT UP!

WHAT ARE YOU JABBERING ABOUT!?

IF BAT SPEED WAS ALL THERE WAS TO IT, HE WOULD BE HITTING CLEANUP AT A TOP-NOTCH SCHOOL.

YOUR BROTHER'S DIFFERENT!

YUP.

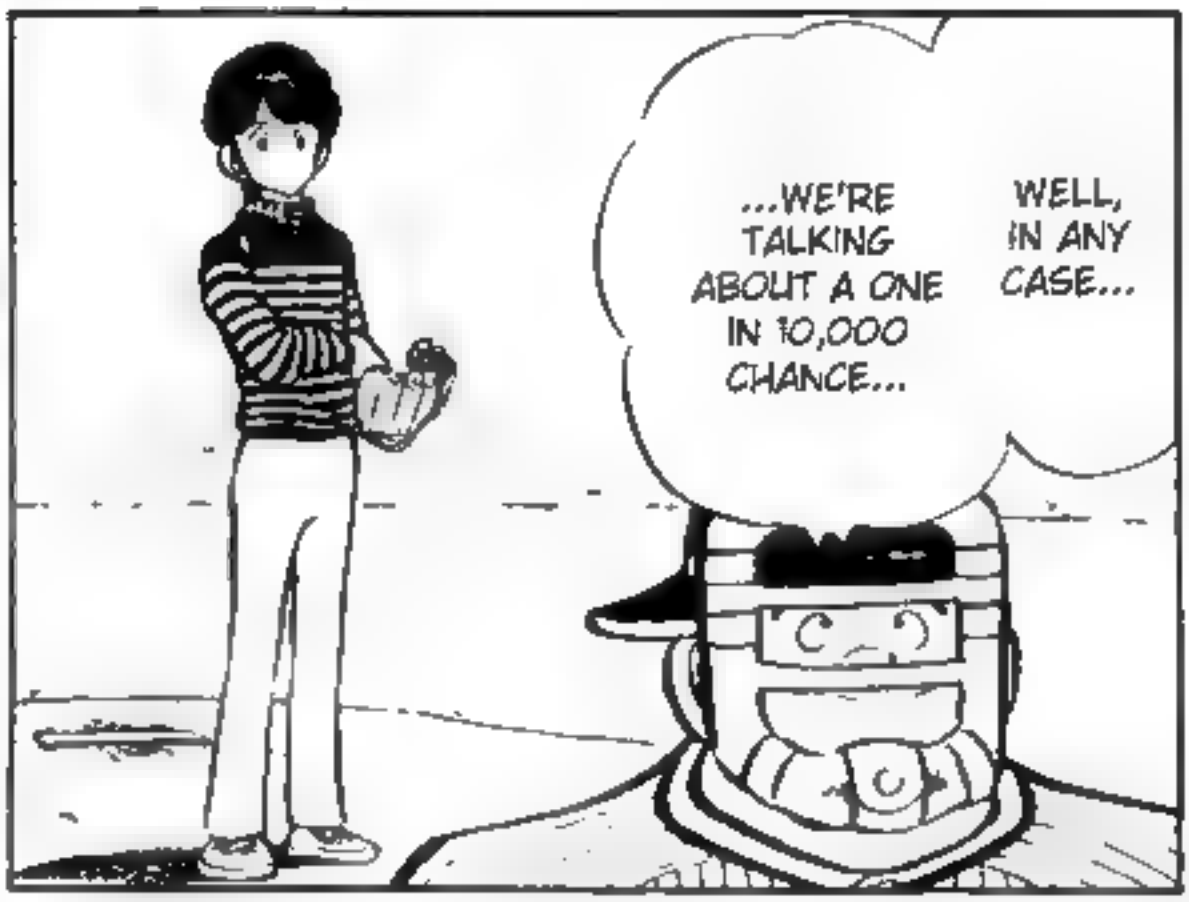
...A SLOWBALL OR A CURVEBALL WOULD BE SAFER...

CERTAINLY, WITH THAT INFLEXIBLE SWING...

IT'S GOING TO BE STRAIGHT BALLS, RIGHT?

HM?

BUT...


...WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A ONE IN 10,000 CHANCE...
WELL, IN ANY CASE...

PLAY BALL!

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C'MERE! 36,000 YEN!

IF YOU'RE GONNA ROOT FOR KAZUYA, YOU'RE ON THE WRONG BENCH!

YOU JERK!

DO YOUR BEST, KATCHAN!

DO YOUR BEST, KATCHAN!

I'LL EXCUSE IT.

I DON'T MIND.

STRIKE!

EH?

.....

SFX: <SPLAT>

I SAID, "PLAY BALL."

WHUZZAT, WHUZZAT?

STRIKE ONE.

WHUZZAT, WHUZZAT?

I LET ONE LOTTERY TICKET PASS UNDER MY VERY NOSE!

DAMMIT!

CRUNCH!

STARE

WHOOSH

BALL!

WHAP

WHAT?

EH?

CRUNCH!

NOTH-
ING...

NO...

SLAP

WHOOSH

STRIKE!

WHAM

STARE

WHAT IS IT?

OH?

HA HA...

WEREN'T YOU ABLE TO SEE THE BALL A MOMENT AGO?

OKAY, LAST ONE!

THEN, HE'S A COLD-BLOODED KID BROTHER.

IF HE'S THROWING IN EARNEST TO HIS TRUE BIG BROTHER...

WHAT NERVE! I WON'T LET YOU WORK ME HARD ANY MORE!

THEN LET'S EARN IT SERIOUSLY BY WORKING!

IF YOU WANT 36,000 YEN,

MAYBE A MIRACLE WILL HAPPEN.

IF ANYTHING, WHY DON'T YOU HIT WITH YOUR EYES CLOSED?

DUMMY! I'LL HIT A WEAK PITCH LIKE THAT WITH MY TRUE ABILITIES!

I HAVE A GOOD EYE!

EVEN IF IT'S A BULLET...

IF I GET USED TO SEEING SOME-THING...

...I CAN SEE IT!

EH?

SLIP

HEY!

SFX: <WHAPPPP>

EH?

EH?

MM!

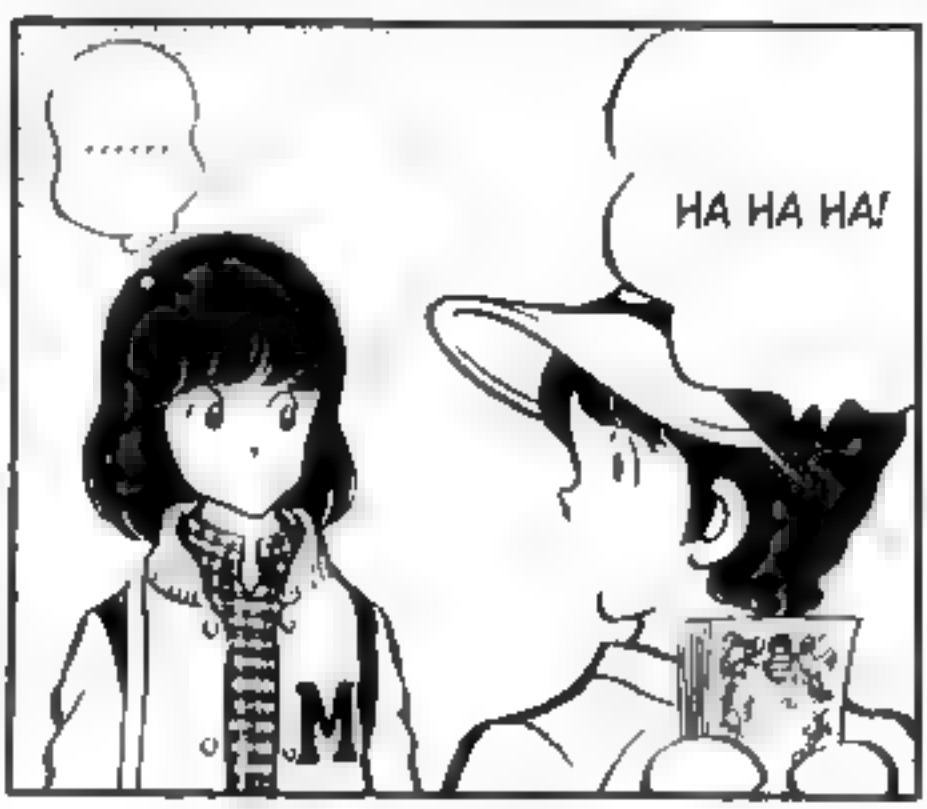
HM?

.....

HM?

HM?

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SAKURAMACHI MIRACLES	4	1	1	2	3	2	1	X	14
TOYOMA CO-OPS	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	X	6



REALLY?

OH!

IT WAS ME. IT WAS ME.

AH, YES, YES.

WHO WAS THE ONE WHO HIT THAT AWESOME HOMERUN JUST NOW?

YES, YES.

I... COINCIDENTALLY HAPPENED TO BE PASSING BY IN MY PRECIOUS JAGUAR...

WHAT, WHAT?

OHHH, IT WAS TRULY A BEAUTIFUL HOMERUN...

HUH?

THE JAGUAR'S SIDE MIRROR IS AROUND 40,000 YEN...

BECAUSE IT'S ENGLISH-MADE,

HUH?

I LEAVE THIS TO YOU.

...AND THE SIDE MIRROR OF MY PRECIOUS JAGUAR.

HERE'S THAT HOMERUN BALL...

AND SO...

Who's a Bad Boy?

Before anyone knew it, it was the 3rd quarter...

...when it becomes April...

...all the cute 1st-year students...

Meisei High School

For the students of the graduating class, even though it's a time when an air of importance finally emerges...

...once again flip back to a life at the bottom of the totem pole...

CHOMP

Yamazaki Supermarket

And so... a little later,

there's even some bullying of the younger students...

.....

GOOD GIRL ASAKURA, WHO LIVES NEXT DOOR.

HI,

YO, UESUGI.

WHAT?

MUNCH

WHAT'S UP? BAD BOY HARADA-KUN...

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I BARELY ENDED UP ATTENDING ENOUGH DAYS...

I USED TO GET SICK A LOT LAST YEAR...

YOU'VE BEEN COMING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY, LATELY.

I'M IN POOR HEALTH...

IT'S UNUSUAL FOR SOMEONE TO MISS SCHOOL EVERY YEAR WITH AN APPENDECTOMY...

I STOPPED ALONG THE WAY, AT YAMAZAKI'S PLACE, WHICH IS A MEAT BUN SHOP...

OHHHH, IT'S A SUPERMARKET.

WANT SOME, UESUGI?

Yamazaki Supermarket

HOW'D YOU GET THIS?

THIS MUCH?

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SO I INVITED HIM TO GO TO SCHOOL WITH ME.

NOT REALLY... I'M...

THE PARENTS OF MY KOUHAI, YAMAZAKI-KUN ARE THE ONES WHO RUN THE SUPER-MARKET MEAT BUN SHOP, HE'S SAD THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS.

THE CIRCUM-STANCES OF THAT EVENT SEEM TO FLASH BEFORE MY EYES...

AND WHILE OFFERING ME THE MEAT BUNS, SHE TOLD ME TO PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HER SON...

AND THEN... HIS MOTHER, WHILE SHED-DING TEARS, WAS DEEPLY MOVED...

RIGHT!?

TOMORROW, I'LL INVITE LONELY MURAMATSU-KUN, WHOSE FAMILY RUNS THE CAKE SHOP ALONG MY WAY.

NO THANKS.

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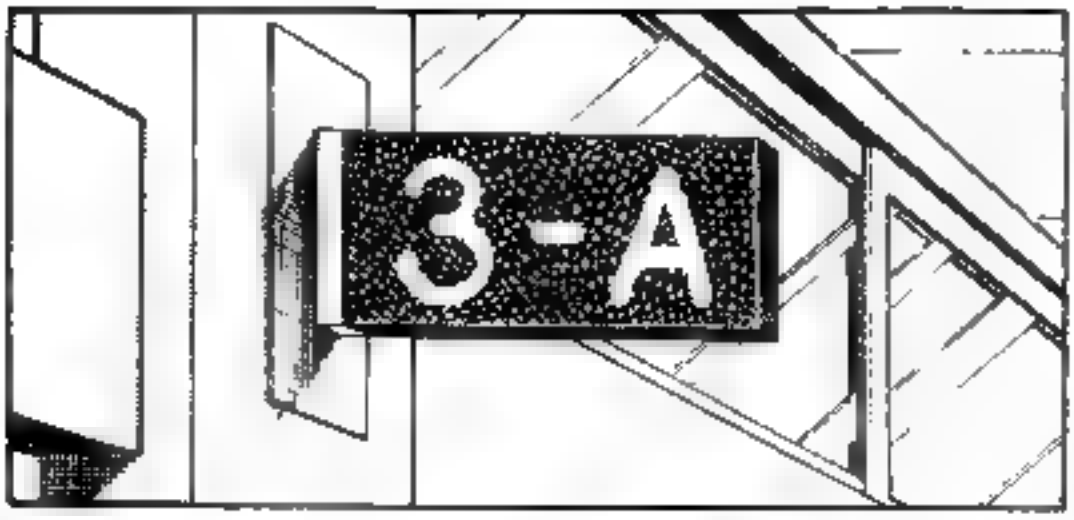
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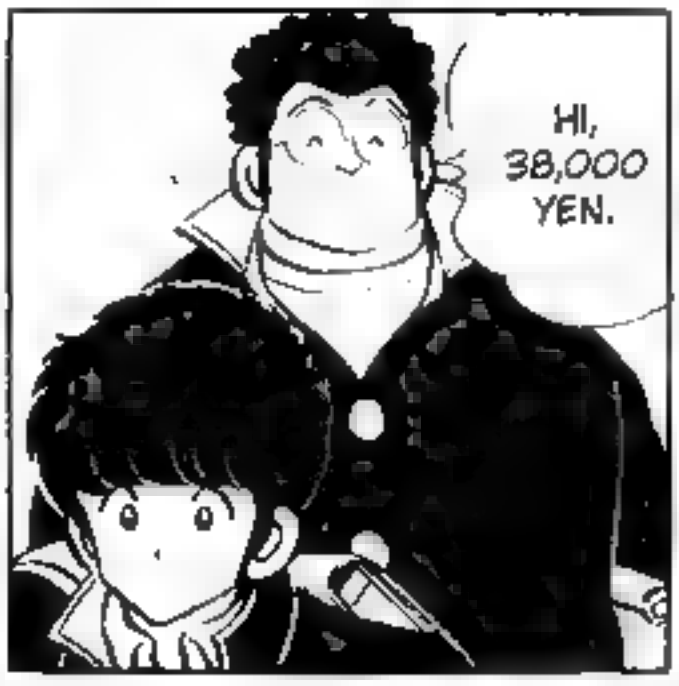
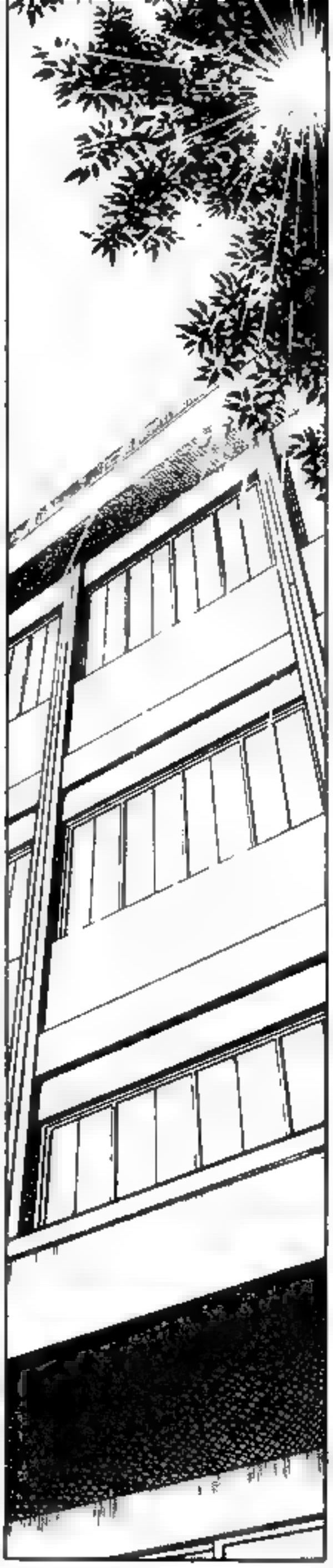

HI, 38,000 YEN.

YUP.
38,000 YEN?

WHA-A-AT!?

THOSE BINOCU-LARS... THE PRICE WENT UP YESTER-DAY.



WHAT'S THIS? YOU WANT A PAIR OF BINOC-ULARS?

38,000 YEN.

WELL, WORK HARD FOR ME.

ALL RIGHT ...

LEAVE IT TO ME.

EH?

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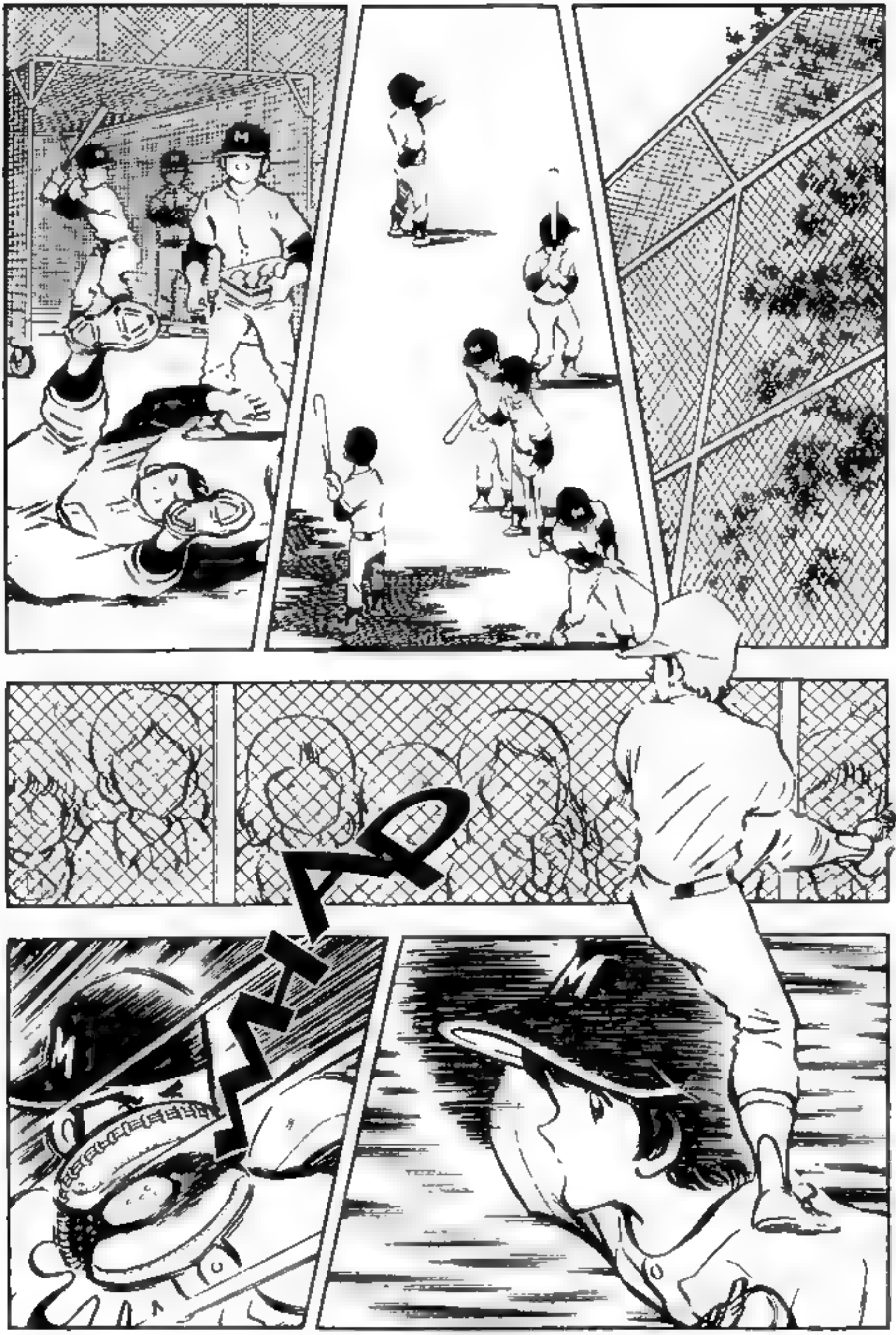
IS THERE A LONELY SON OF A BINOCULAR SHOP OWNER AT THIS SCHOOL?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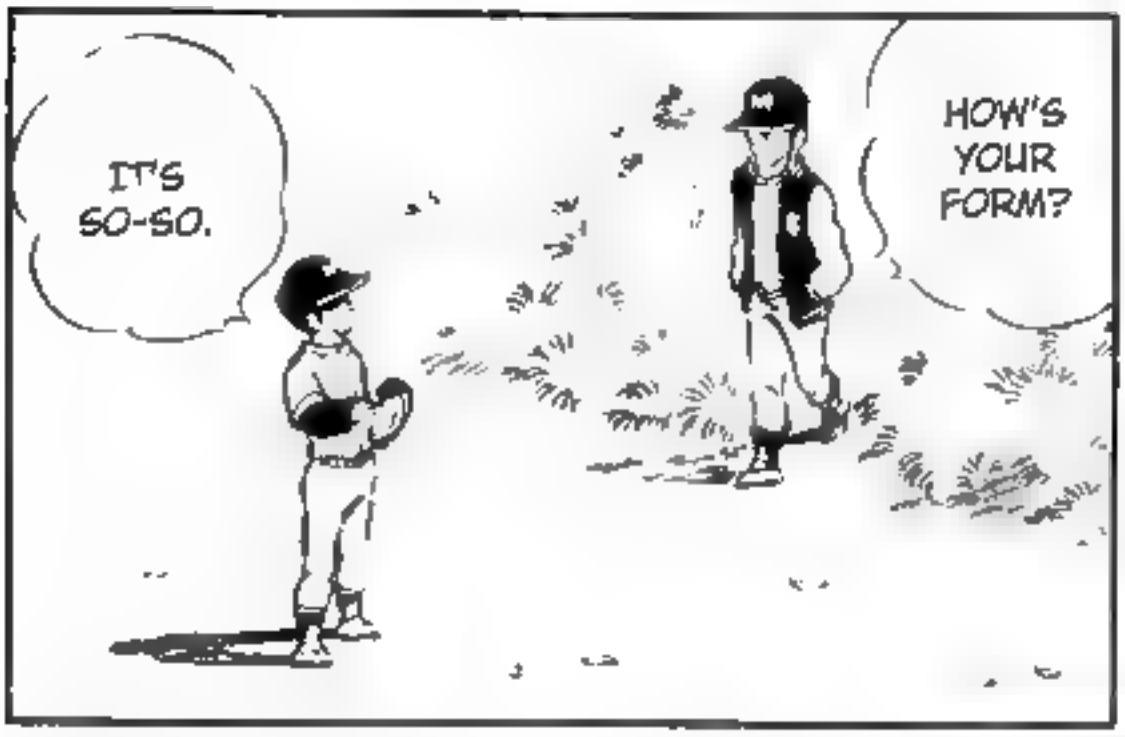
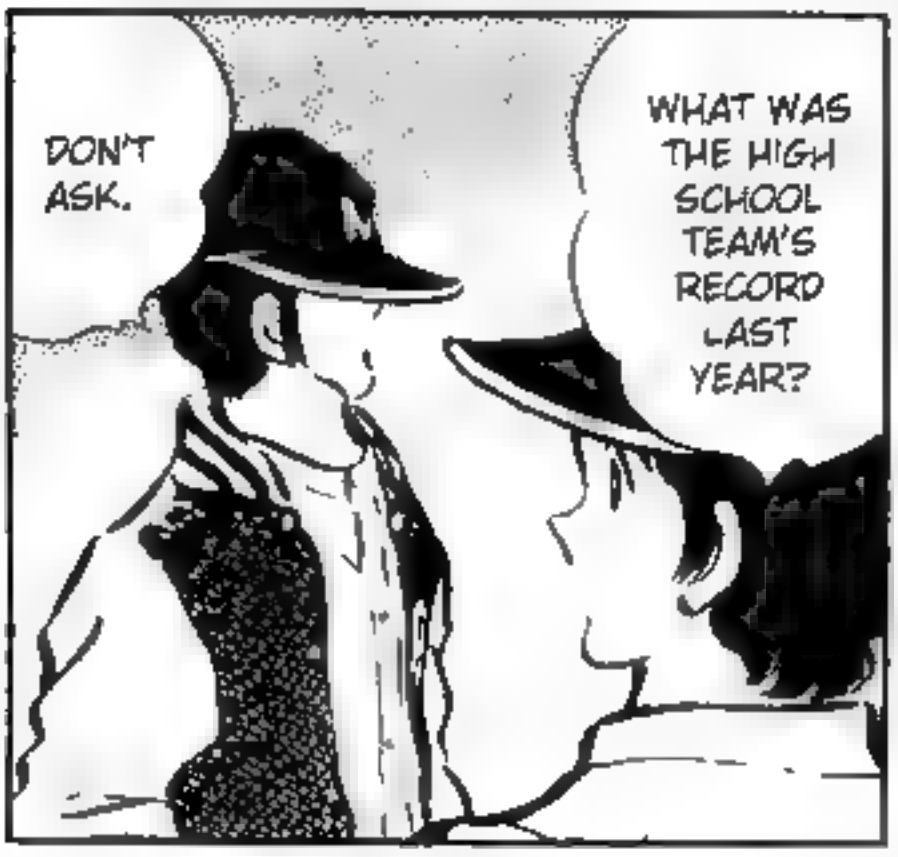
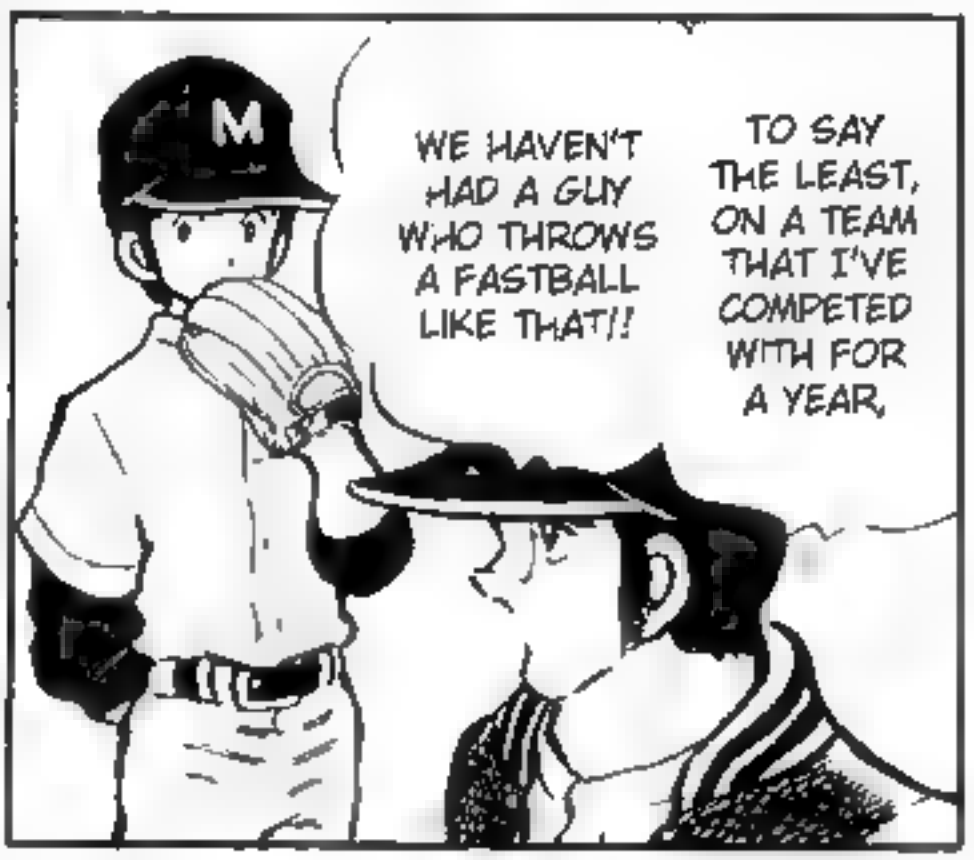

IT'S SO-SO.
HOW'S YOUR FORM?

YOU'RE A LOW-KEY GUY, HM...


DON'T ASK.
WHAT WAS THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM'S RECORD LAST YEAR?


WE HAVEN'T HAD A GUY WHO THROWS A FASTBALL LIKE THAT!!
TO SAY THE LEAST, ON A TEAM THAT I'VE COMPETED WITH FOR A YEAR,

THE NAME OF MEISEI HIGH SCHOOL...

HOWEVER, THEY MAY HATE TO REMEMBER IT AT THIS SUMMER'S TOURNAMENT!

I'M SORRY TO SAY THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE'RE PRETTY MUCH AN UNKNOWN SCHOOL WHEN IT COMES TO BASEBALL.

YOU'LL HAVE A HARD TIME OF IT, WITH TOO MUCH EXPECTED OF YOU.

PLEASE, UESUGI!

HOW LUCKY... BEFORE YOU EVEN JOIN, YOU'RE BEING PROMISED THE ACE POSITION.

IT'S WAY TOO MUCH TO ASK.

RESIGN YOUR-SELF.

IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN IT MEANS YOU'RE SURE TO BE IN THE CATCHER'S POSITION, TOO.

PRACTICE, PRACTICE.

HEY, HURRY UP AND TAKE YOUR POSITION.

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN PAIRING UP WITH ANY OTHER BATTERY MATE THAN YOU.

KAZUYA-KU-U-UN!

SNIFF

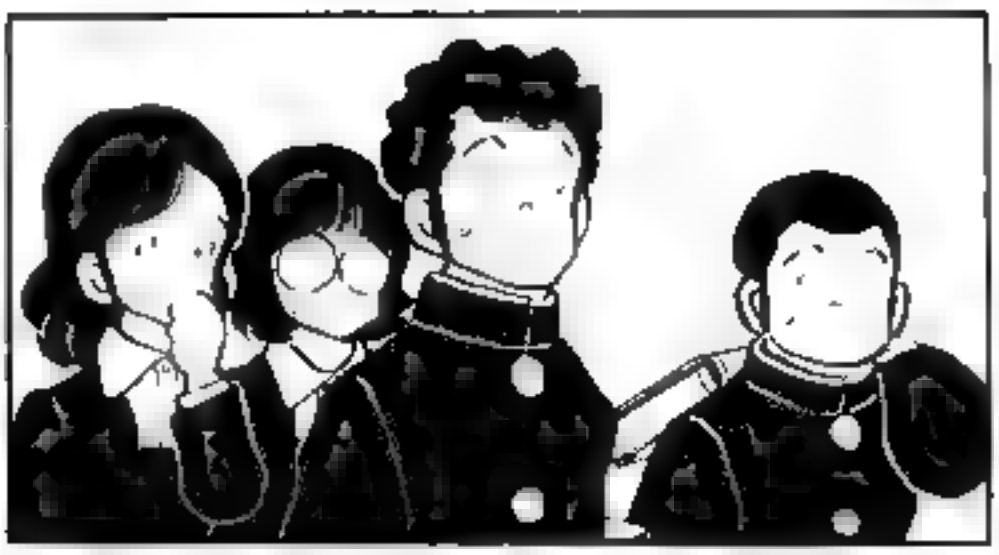
WOOSH

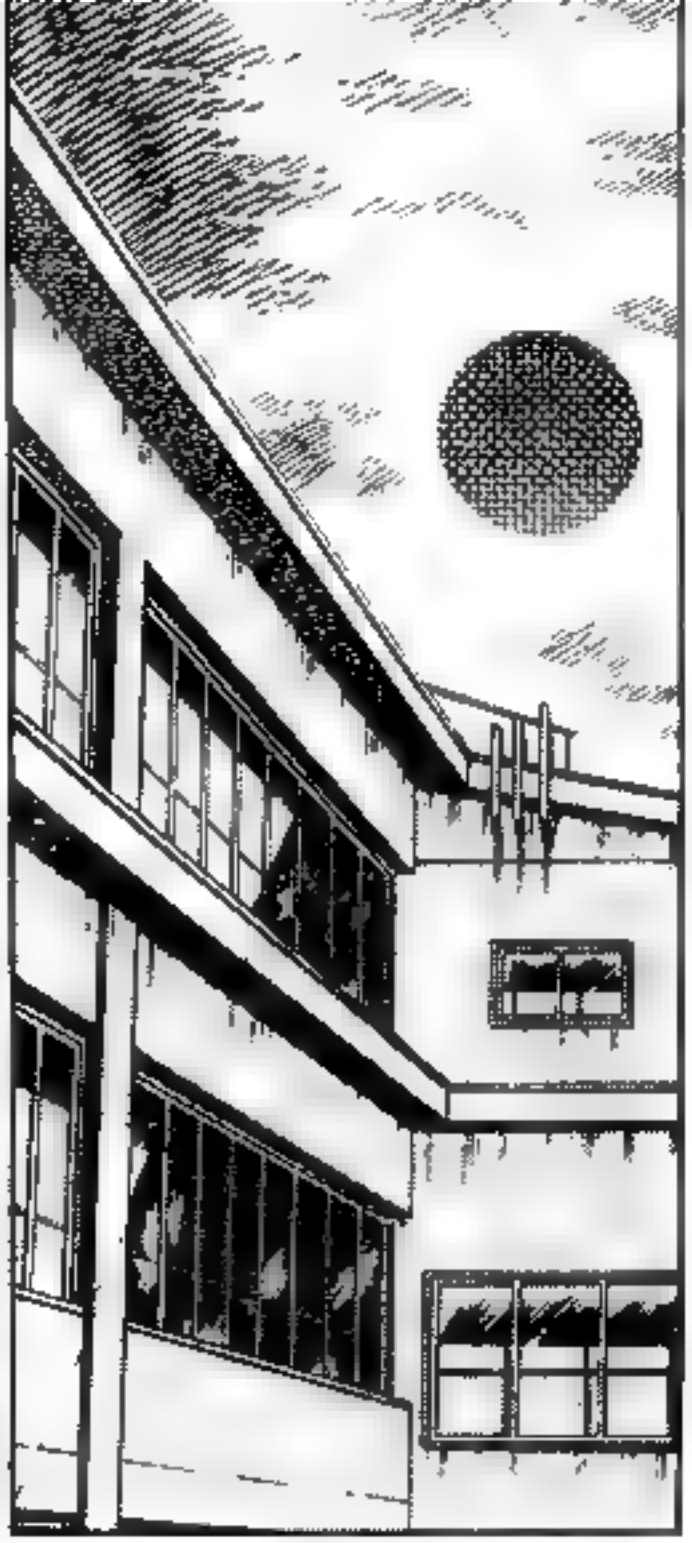
KYA!!

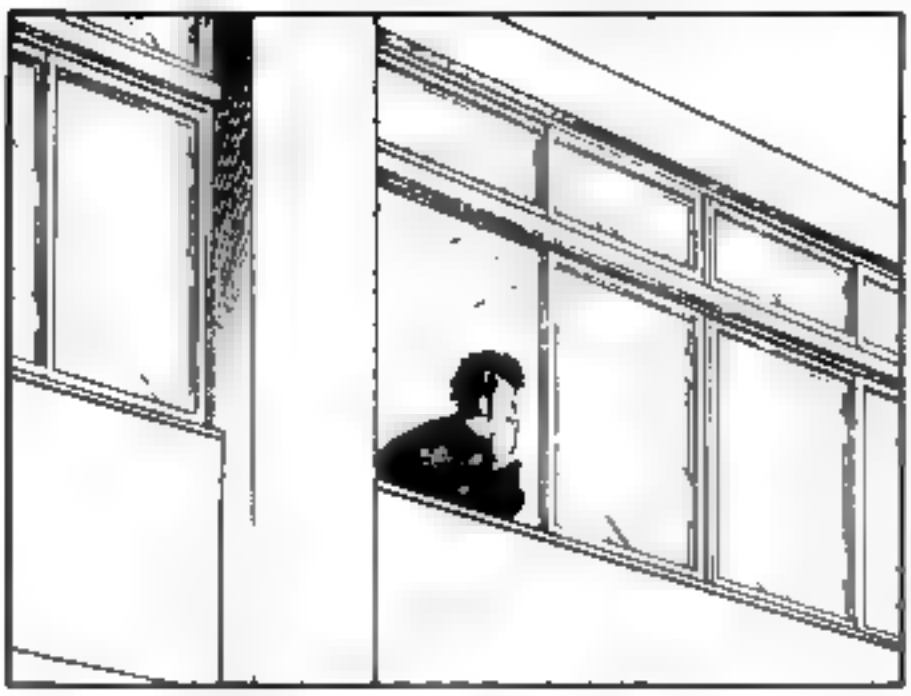
C'MON, KAZUYA!

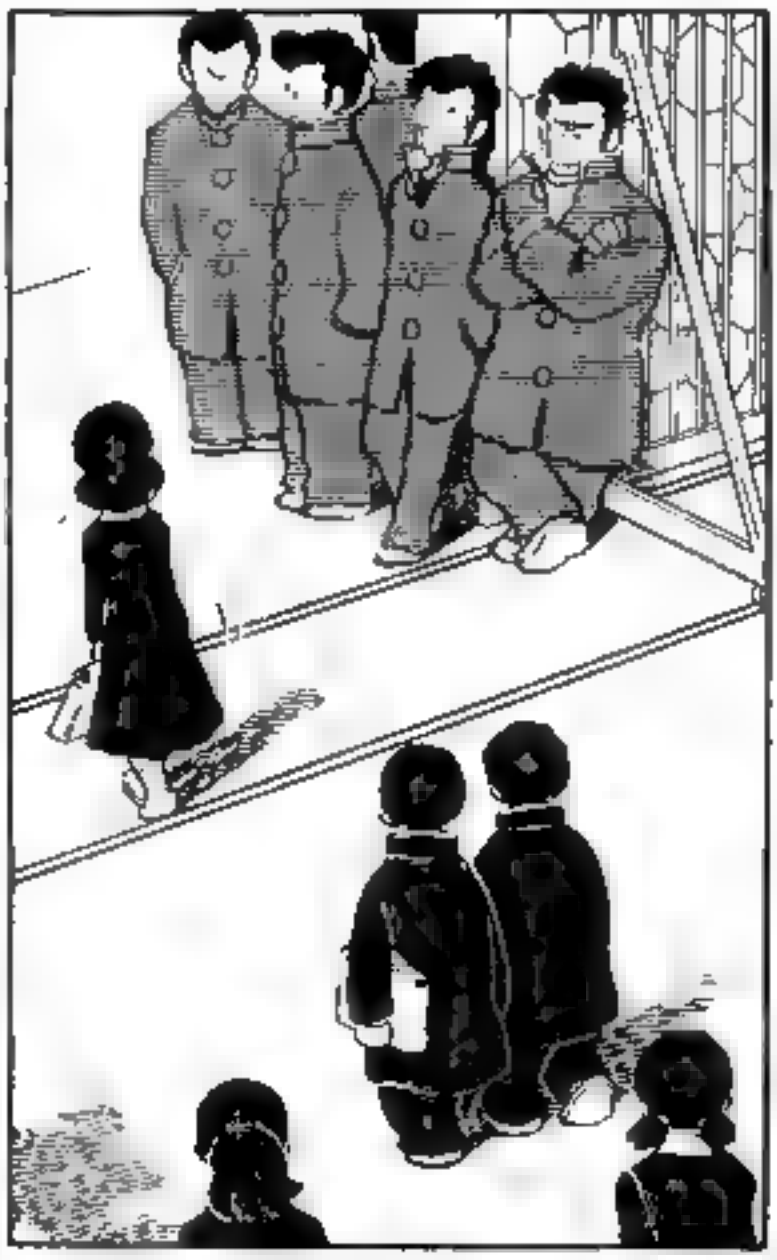
OW

I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID JUST NOW!!









HMM
...

'CAUSE I FIGHT HARD....

HMM.

WHO'S THE CAUSE OF THAT.

OHHHH, IS IT YOU AFTER ALL...?

BUT SINCE I BEAT EVERYONE, THE ENEMY HAS MULTIPLIED...

AS IS PROPER, IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU LOSE...

DO YOU INTEND TO DEAL WITH ALL THOSE GUYS BY YOURSELF?

DON'T WORRY. I'M IN THE BEST OF HEALTH!

UESUGI, BRING THOSE GUYS OVER TO KAWARA FOR ME.

IF I SHOW UP AND GET INTO A FIGHT AT THE SCHOOL GATE, IT WILL END UP BECOMING A SERIOUS MATTER...

HOLD IT.

THEN, I'LL LEAVE YOU HERE...

EH?

UNTIL THAT GUY COMES, YOU STAY HERE.

I PRAY THAT'S SO FOR YOUR SAKE TOO...

I'M NOT FOOLING YOU.

NOT ALL OF US ARE STRUCK WITH FEAR.

AFTER ALL, THERE ARE SO MANY OF US.

YOU WERE THINKING OF FOOLING US SO THAT HE COULD ESCAPE.

THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.

WHAT?!

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU GATHER TOGETHER, RUBBISH IS RUBBISH.

PO PEE

PO PEE

PO PEE

PO PEE

PO PEE

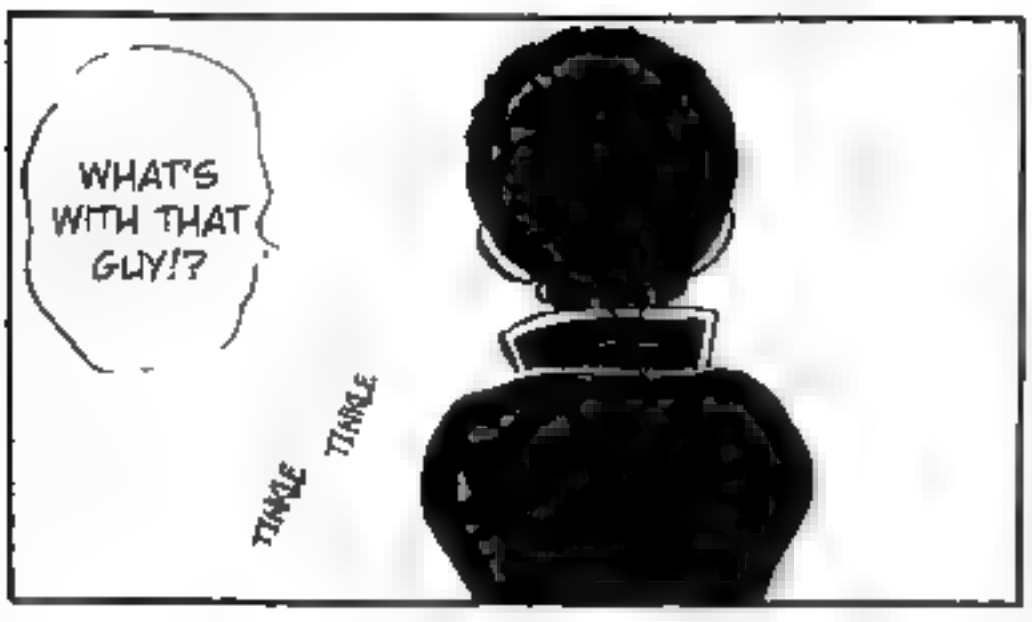
...WE'LL CALL ONE FOR YOU...
IF THAT GUY DOESN'T COME...

.....
AN AM-BULANCE, HUH.

PEE
PO PEE

EH HEH.

GOTTA TAKE A LEAK...


WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY!?
TINKLE TINKLE

WHAT'LL I DO...

WELL, NOW...

TINKLE

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THIS IS A METHOD THAT'S MOST LIKE HIM...

WELL, BUT ...

ABOUT MY SITUATION, HE SCURRIED OFF AND LEFT ME BEHIND.

WITH-OUT EVEN THINK-ING ...

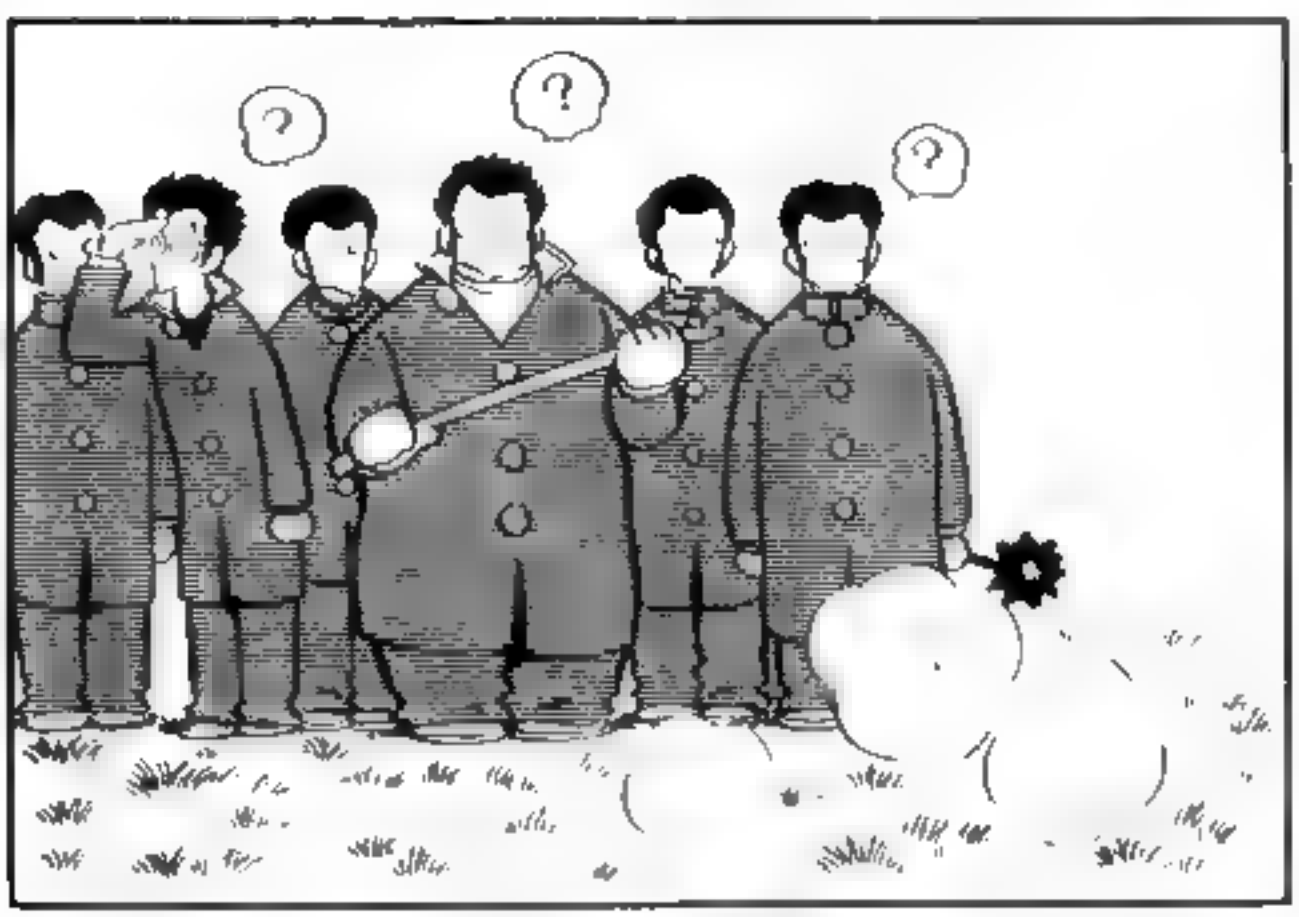
HEY, CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE.

...

CRACK

ABOUT THIS SIT-UATION?

FIGHT!
FIGHT!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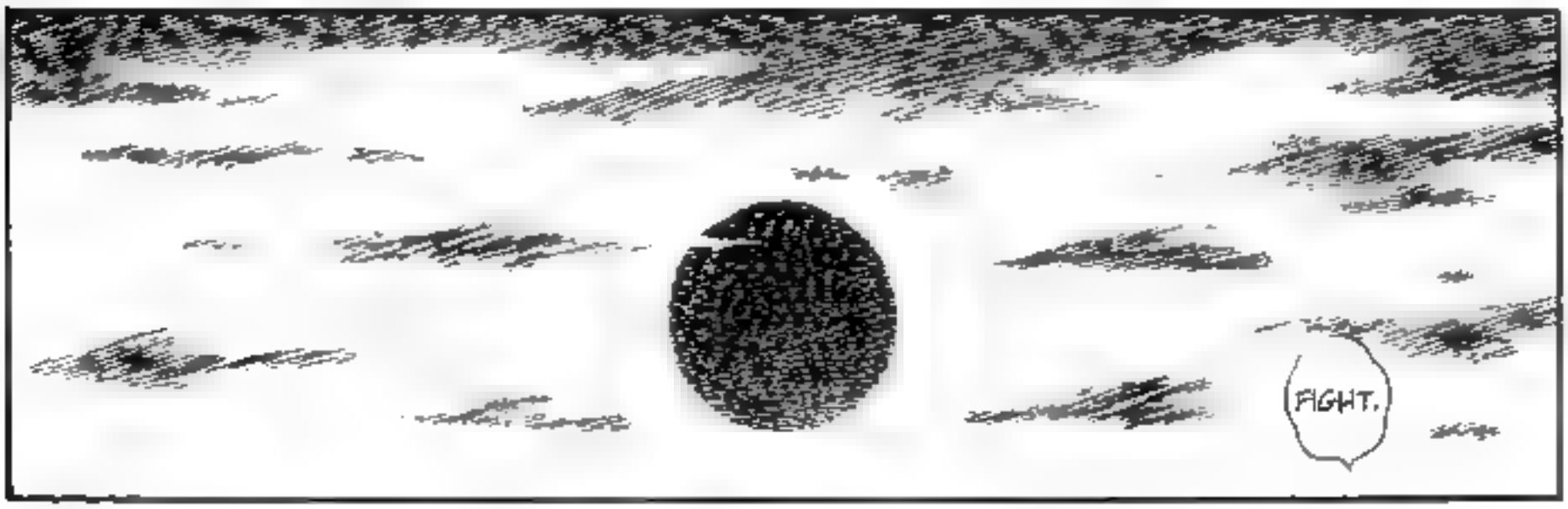
FIGHT.

What's That? What's That?

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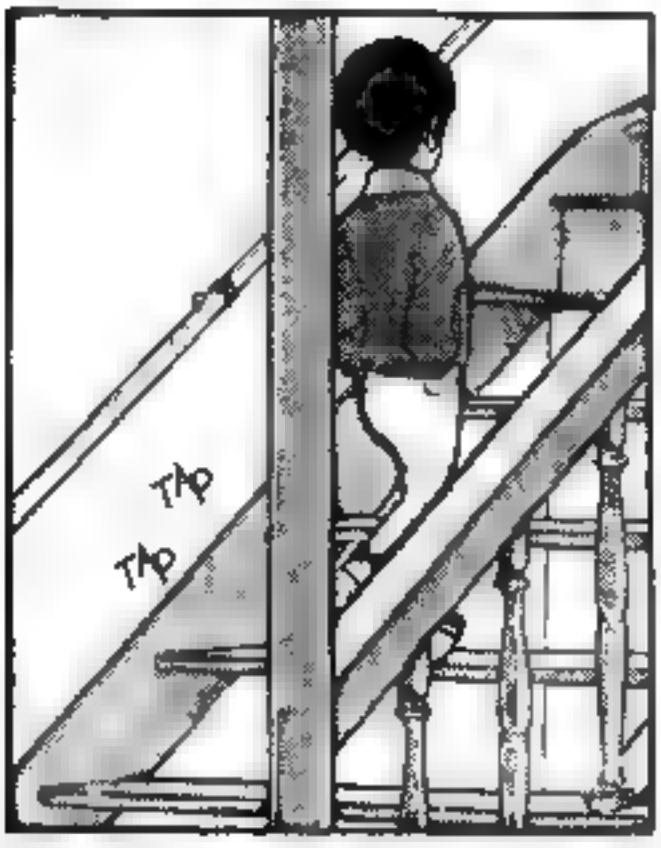

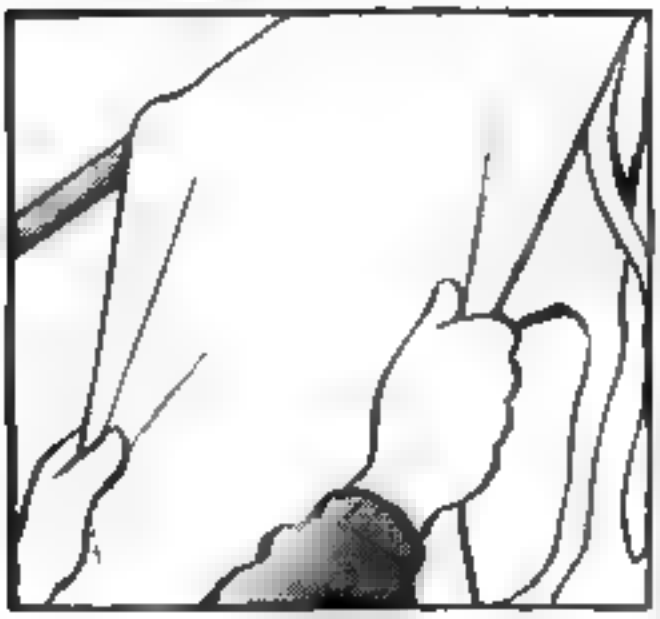

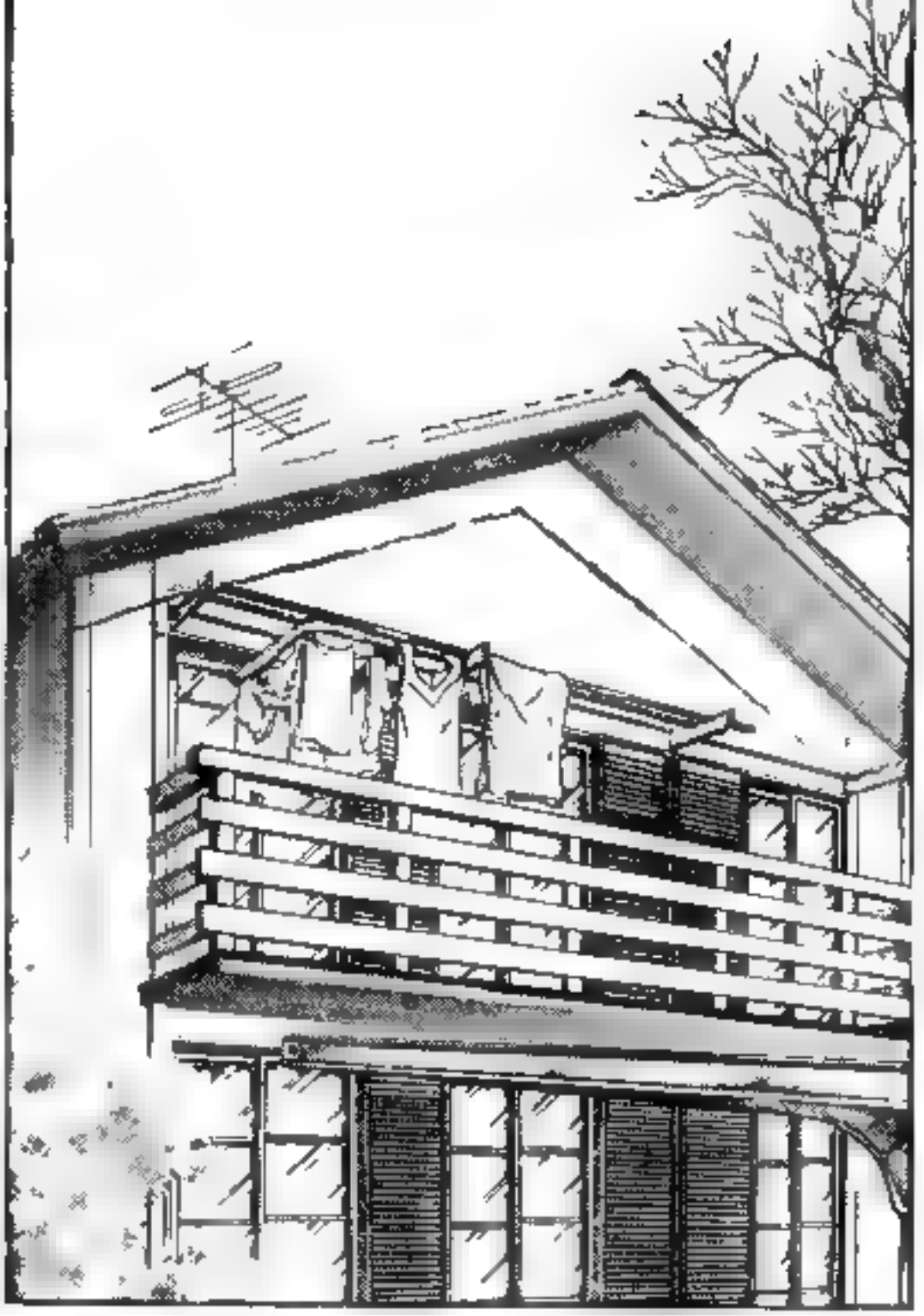

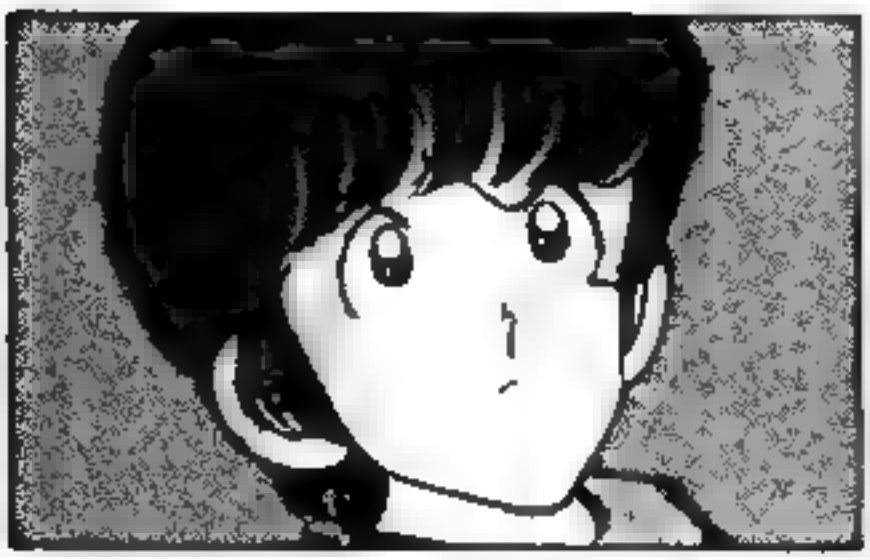

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TURN AROUND!

AGF!

SHAKE HANDS, PUNCH!

SWAP

HEYYY, MINAMI!

COFFEE 南風

COFFEE 南風

I'M LEAVING THE SHOP TO YOU FOR A BIT.

WHA-A-AT?

I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING FOR A BIT AT TATCHAN'S PLACE.

UMM...

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

MAKES YOUR FATHER SO HAPPY.

YOU GREW UP TO BE SUCH A RELIABLE DAUGHTER ...

I'M GETTING PROPER WORK WAGES, RIGHT?

(ULP.)

YOU'RE PLAYING POOR GAMES OF SHOGI AGAIN, RIGHT?

I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU AND MINAMI.

BYE, TATCHAN.

IT'S WET, SO IT'S WASHED, ISN'T IT?

PATTLE

DID YOU WASH IT PROPERLY?

WHA-A-AT? THIS CUP.

OHH.

IT'S ONLY A LITTLE DIRTY, SO NO ONE WILL DIE.

THAT'S NO GOOD! DO IT OVER AGAIN!

HO.

CLICK

POUR

.....

RATTLE

SCRUB
SCRUB

SPLASH

WELCOME.

HOW DARE YOU COME HERE AFTER YESTER-DAY!

YOU BAS-TARD ...

YO!

THEY WENT AND OPERATED.

MY APPENDIX SUDDENLY STARTED HURTING.

AHH, SORRY.

AND THEN, YESTERDAY, IT WAS YOUR EXCUSE FOR RUNNING AWAY FROM THE FIGHT, HUH!?

UP UNTIL NOW, THAT WAS ALL AN EXCUSE FOR PLAYING HOOKY FROM SCHOOL...

HOW MANY OPERATIONS WILL YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU'RE SATISFIED!?

HOW MANY APPENDIXES DO YOU HAVE!?

WHAT GALL!

TODAY, I CAME WITH A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU.

CRUNCH

CLENCH

WHO WOULD I?

WELL, HEAR ME OUT.

. . . .

CLATTER

AH... SORRY, SORRY.

?

ACTU-ALLY, IT'S THIS...

AND SO...

OHH... IT'S A LOVE LETTER.

WESLEY... YOU GO AND TURN HER DOWN FOR ME.

THAT'S TODAY.

THE 7TH?

I'LL BE WAITING AT 1 PM ON THE 7TH, IN THE WOODS BEHIND THE TENNIS COURTS.

WHAT'S THE JOKE?

YOU'RE JOKING!

IT'S A TERRIFIC CHANCE.

WHY ARE YOU TURNING HER DOWN?

GIRLS ARE TROUBLE-SOME.

I KNOW THAT.

SHE'S ASKING TO GET TO KNOW YOU!

IT'S A GIRL!

YOU MAY NOT HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE LIKE THIS AGAIN!!

NO, I'M SURE YOU WON'T!!

IS THAT WHAT YOU REALLY THINK?

.....

I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF WORK RIGHT NOW!

SO GET GOING!

I'LL TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THE MEANTIME!

ARE YOU GOING!? OR AREN'T YOU!?

.....

I PITY THE POOR CUPS.

WHY NOT LEAVE IT TO HIM, TATCHAN?

CRUNCH

THAT THERE WAS A WOMAN WHO HAS SUCH DREADFUL TASTE!

...I'M SURE.

HER LOOKS ARE PROBABLY DREADFUL, TOO...

THE ONE WHO WROTE THIS LOVE LETTER.

WHAT PER-SON?

WHAT SORT OF PERSON IS IT?

...WHEN I HAPPENED TO PASS BY. I WAS DRAGGED INTO IT WITHOUT BEING ASKED.

IT CAME ABOUT...

THOUGH IT'S WRITTEN THAT YOU SAVED HER FROM GETTING CAUGHT UP IN DELINQUENCY...

WELCOME.

.....

RATTLE

AYE.

WASH THE DIRTY STUFF BEHIND THE COUNTER.

AH, HARADA-KUN... I'LL DO IT.

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS LOVE LETTER WAS DELIVERED PERSONALLY...

THERE'S NO STAMP.

iHHHSHHS

THEY WERE DELINQUENTS I WAS INVOLVED WITH...

IS THIS SOMEONE YOU'VE KNOWN FOR AWHILE?

YOUR PLACE IS WELL KNOWN, HM, HARADA-KUN...

THAT WOULD BE A WASTE OF MONEY, WOULDN'T IT?

...AND IT WOULD HAVE GONE WELL...

YOU INTEND TO TURN HER DOWN AT THE START, BUT MAYBE WHILE TALKING TO HER, YOU'LL TAKE A FANCY TO HER...

I DON'T KNOW.

NOT THEM... THIS WOMAN.

IT'S ALL RIGHT TO GO YOURSELF!

WHY DID YOU ASK TATCHAN?

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE NOT MEETING HER!

SHE'S UGLY!

AH, SO THAT'S IT!

SHUD-DUP!

IS SHE UGLY?

SHE'S NOT UGLY!

THAT'S NOT GOOD!! DON'T JUDGE THAT PERSON JUST BY HER LOOKS!

DO I HAVE TO EXPLAIN EVERY LITTLE THING!?

ANYTHING AND EVERY-THING!?

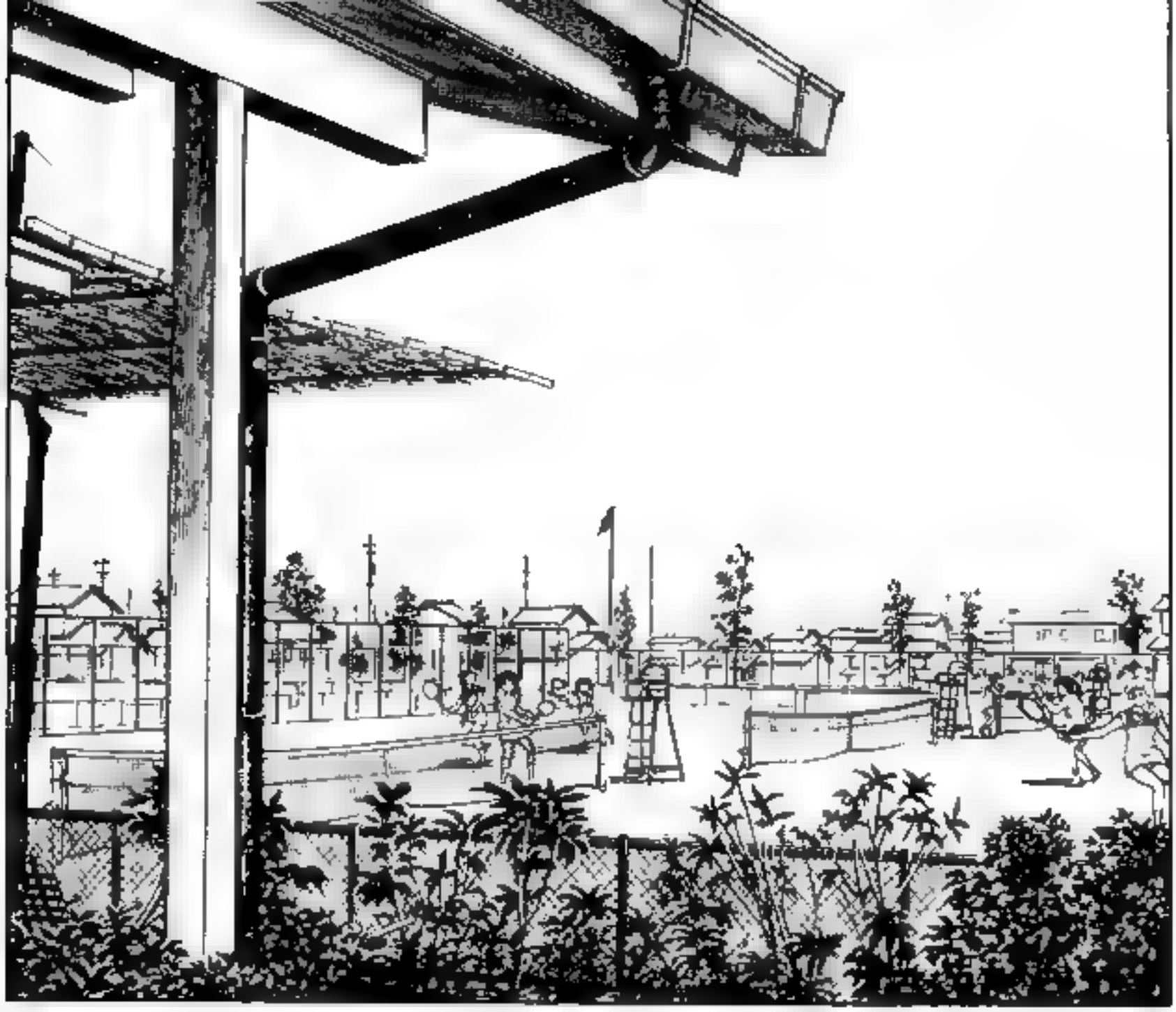
WHY? HOW COME?

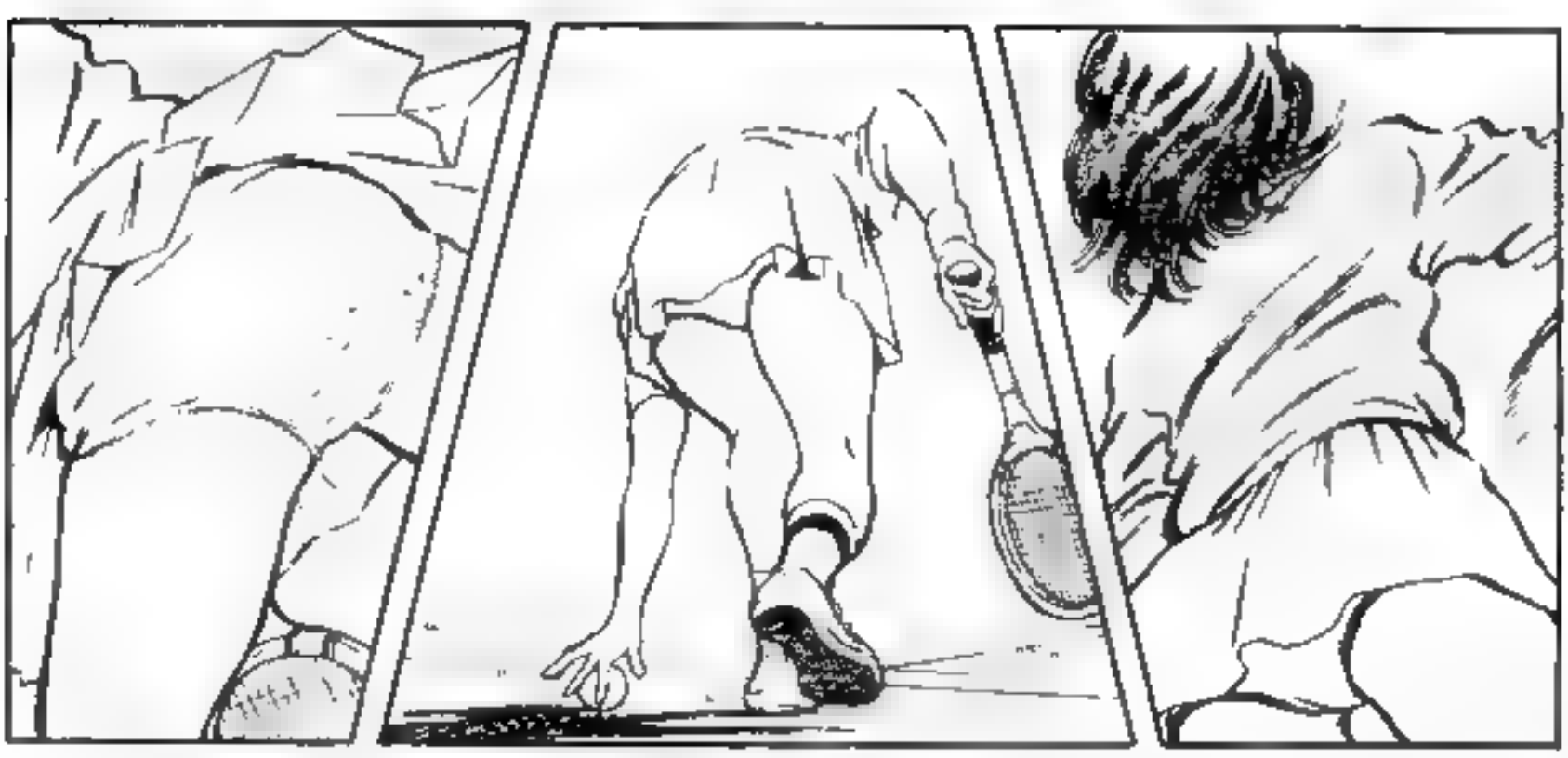
GRR, YOU TALK TOO MUCH!

THEN, WHY?

OH, I SEE.

THIS IS WHY WOMEN ARE SUCH A PAIN!





THW
ok
THW
ok

THIS IS A WOMAN WHO MEETS PEOPLE IN STRANGE PLACES...

THE WOODS BEHIND THE TENNIS COURTS, HUH...?

IT'S PAST ONE.

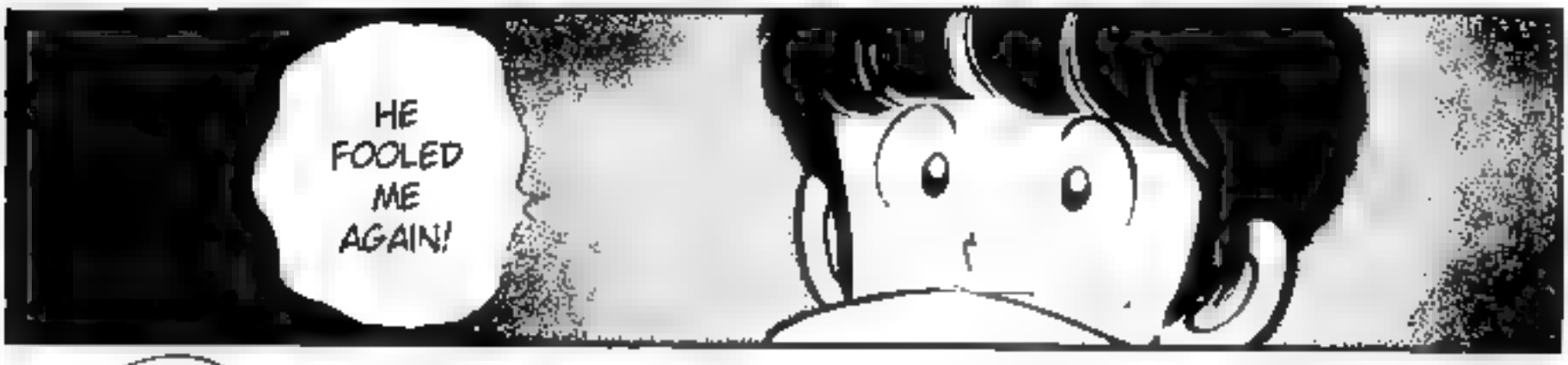
OOPS. NOT GOOD.

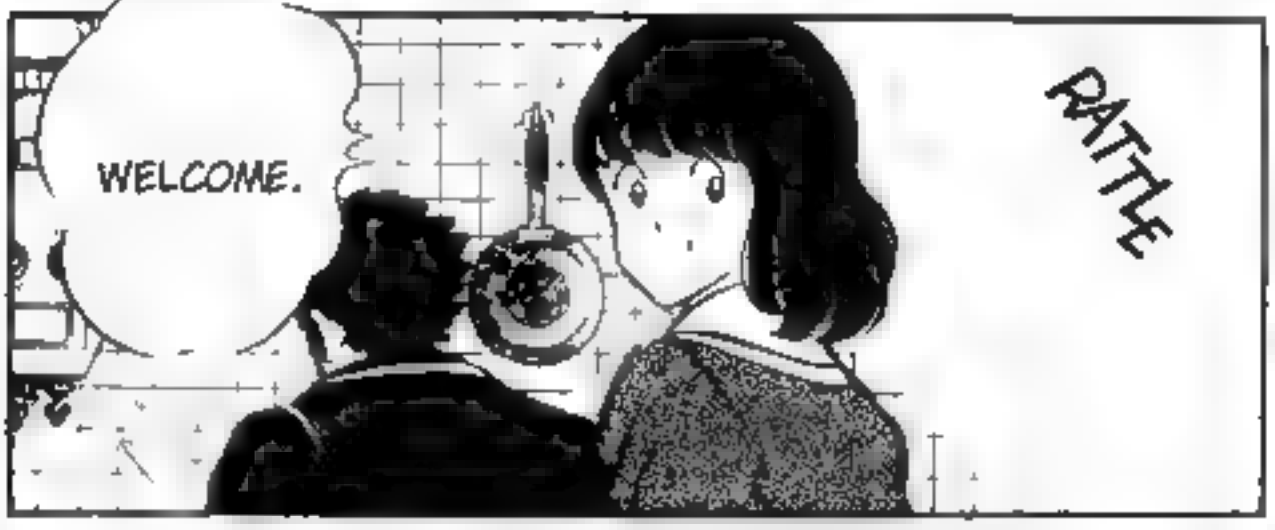
I WONDER WHERE SHE IS?

LET'S SEE...

HEYYY!

HEYYY!





BATTLE

Tatsuya-kun, in the Nick of Time

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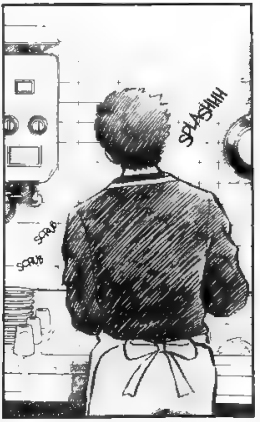

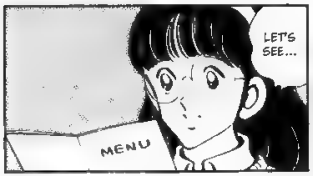

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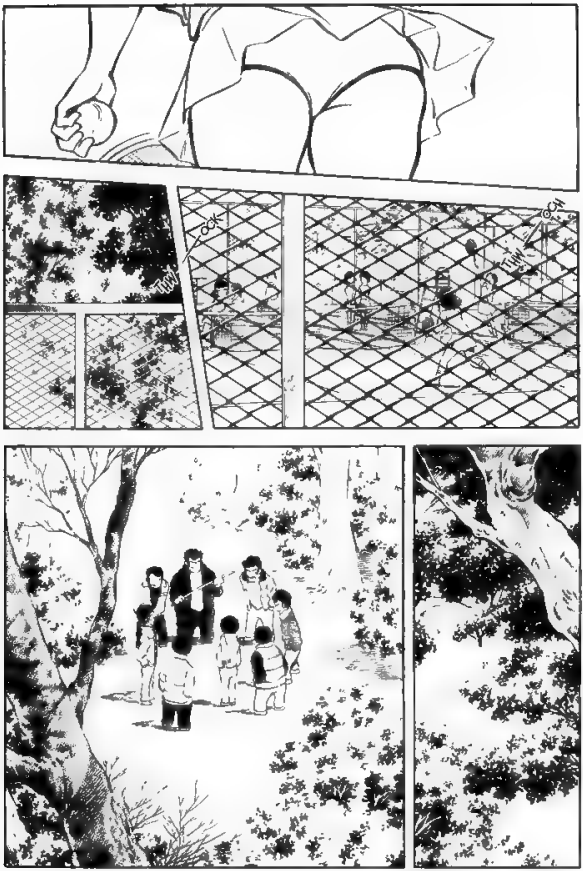

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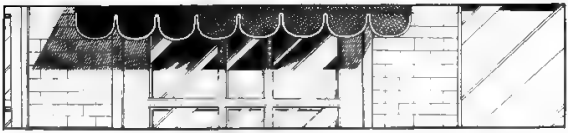


THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OTHER DAY.
OHH, DO YOU KNOW HARADA-KUN?
YES.
OH, I SEE.
I WAS SAVED FROM GETTING CAUGHT UP IN DELINQUENCY.
HUH?

HUH?
IT CAME ABOUT.
THANKS TO YOU, I WAS SAVED
...WHEN I HAPPENED TO PASS BY, I WAS DRAGGED INTO IT WITHOUT BEING ASKED.
HUH?
HUH?
SO...?

HUH?

ONE P.M. .
THE WOODS BEHIND THE TENNIS COURTS ...

HUH?

?

NOW, WILL YOU GIVE US THE REPLY TO THE LOVE LETTER?
...SO HE DOESN'T WANT TO GO OUT WITH HER...
HE SAYS THAT WOMEN ARE TROUB-E-SOME...
HA HA.
HA HA...
IT'S TRUE.
I SEE.
I'M THE VICTIM.
WHAT ARE YOU TO THAT GUY?

LET'S DO IT!
EH?
AL... RIGHT... IF YOU'LL BEAR A GRUDGE, THEN BEAR IT AGAINST HARADA.
EH?
WAH!
YEEAR-RGGG!
YOU WERE CALLING HARADA HERE!
W-
WAIT A SEC!

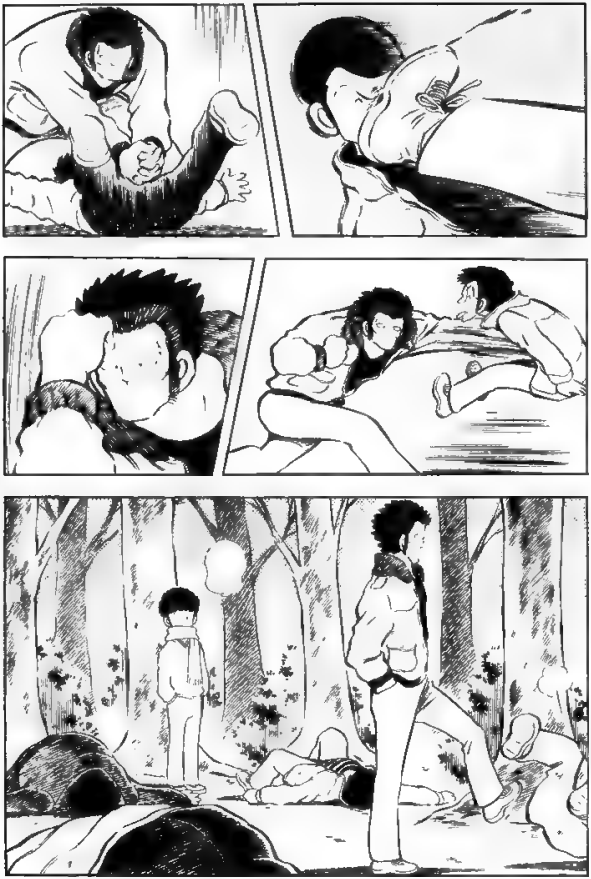
HARADA!
I LEAVE HARADA SHOUHBI TO YOU!
THAT'S NO GOOD! LET'S MAKE THE TARGET OF YOUR ANGER CLEAR!
AT THIS POINT, NO MATTER WHO WE BEAT UP, OUR SPIRITS WILL BE LIFTED!
THIS IS A PAIN ALREADY!
ARR-GGG!
WH——IZZZZZZ
CRACK!
HEYYY!
THUD!
CLICK
CLICK
WHA!
WAH!
SURROUND HIM SO HE CAN'T GET AWAY!
THIS GUY'S GOT GOOD REFLEXES!
GRR!

Now...
...what do I do?
I can't escape...
Help won't arrive, either..
WHACK
Rather than strike back at them badly and get trashed...
I'll stand quietly and let them beat me up, so that my damage is kept to a minimum...
If that's the case .
There's no chance I can win...

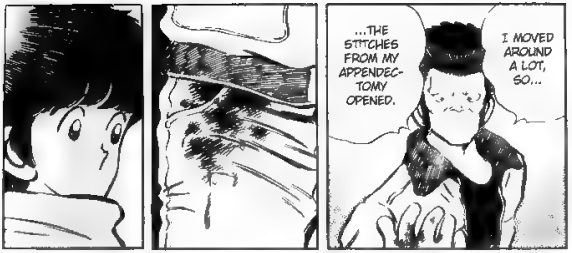
WHACK!
WHOA!
GRR!
ARR-GGG!
THAT DOES IT!
Y-YOU JERK!
AH!

GRR!
AH!
OOF!
MY BODY'S ACTING ON ITS OWN.
AH.. OH NO.
TAKE HIM ON, ALL TOGETH-ER...
AND GRAB HIM!
THW

YOU'RE GIVING ME A LOT OF TROUBLE.
I'm gonna faint pretty soon.
PREPARE YOURSELF
CLONK
ARRGGG!!

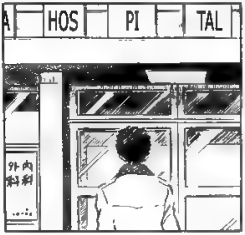


YOU WEREN'T EVEN HIT ONCE.
YOU BAS-TARD
THEY WORKED YOU OVER A LOT, DIDN'T THEY.
WAH! WHAT AN AW-FUL LOOK!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, TATCHAN !?
THE HOSPI-TAL.
HUH?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SEE YA.


...THE STITCHES FROM MY APPENDEC-TOMY OPENED.
I MOVED AROUND A LOT, SO...

DID YOU REALLY HAVE AN OPERATION YESTER-DAY?

I TOLD YOU SO.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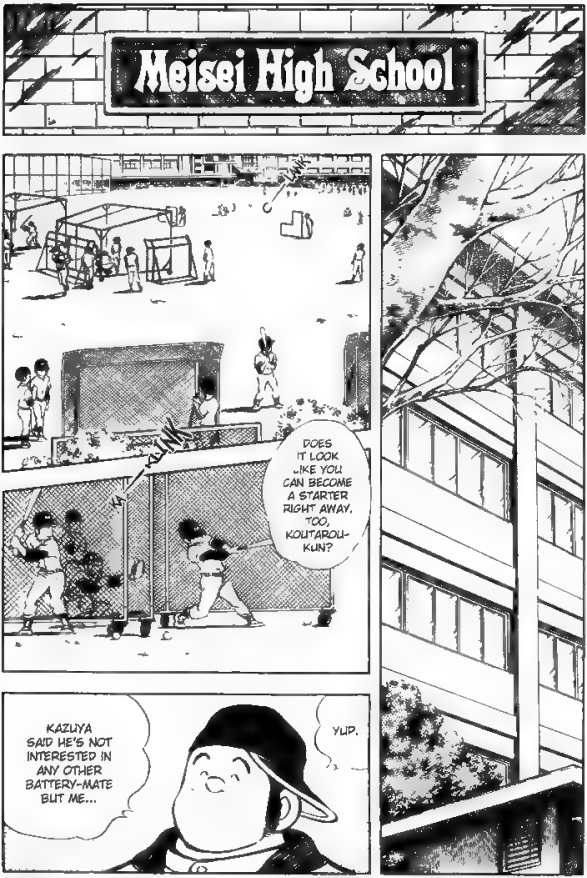
Give It Your Best, Koutarou-kun


Meisei High School
DOES IT LOOK LIKE YOU CAN BECOME A STARTER RIGHT AWAY, TOO, KOUTAROU-KUN?
KAZUYA SAID HE'S NOT INTERESTED IN ANY OTHER BATTERY-MATE BUT ME...
YUP.

WELL, YOU'LL BE ON THE BENCH FOR SOME TIME, HM.
APART FROM KAZUYA, WILL IT BE AS EASY AS THAT TO PLAY A SOPHOMORE IN THE REGULAR LINEUP?
SOME-THING LIKE THAT IS FOR THE MANAGER TO DECIDE!
DUM-MY!
THAT "FOR SOME TIME" MEANS FOR 3 YEARS!
HE'S CALLING OUT TO YOU, TATCHAN.
THE UN-CLEVER UESUGI-I-I...
HEEEY, UESUGI-I-I!

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COME WITH ME. WE'LL CHECK OUT THE CLUBS.
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT?
YAAAH, I SEE.
YOU ARE?
SPORT?
IF I'VE MADE IT TO HIGH SCHOOL, THEN I'M GOING TO PLAY SOME KIND OF SPORT.
WHOOF
YAH.
I HAVE POWER TO SPARE SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
SURE.
COMING ALONG?

CLINK
CLANNNK
CRACK
WHAT A GREAT CONTACT HITTER...
HE HITS IT TO WHERE THEY AREN'T.
HE'S KATAGIRI-SAN, WHO BATS 3RD.
BATS 3RD, HUH? STANDS TO REASON
WHAT POSITION DOES HE PLAY?
UMM...
HELLO.

YO, COME IN, COME IN.
AH, HE...O.
WHY DON'T YOU STOP WATCHING FROM A PLACE LIKE THIS, AND GO INSIDE?
HESU-GI?
HESU-GI?
OHHHHHHHHH!
I'VE WAITED TWO WHOLE YEARS FOR THIS!!
YOUR FORM... HOW IS IT!?
HOW ARE YOU!?

HELLO.
MY FATHER.
THE COACH.
I'M NISHIO,
SO KEEP PRACTIC-ING.
HEY, HEY... WE'LL THROW UESUGI A GRAND WELCOME PARTY IN APRIL...
ALL RIGHT!
HOW ABOUT IT, UESUGI... WHY DON'T YOU THROW FOR A BIT...?
SURE!
DOESN'T MATTER.
BUT, I'M STILL...
EH?
GO CATCH UESUGI'S PITCHES!
HEEEY, KATA-GIRI!

KATA-GIRI?
THE ONE WHO BATS 3RD.
THAT GUY'S THE CATCHER ...?
HAVE MORE CONFI-DENCE IN YOUR-SELF!
SOMEONE WHO'S SEEN IT FOR THE FIRST TIME WON'T EASILY CATCH HIS PITCH, RIGHT?
WHEN IT COMES TO KAZUYA'S PITCH I'M SURE...
TH-
THAT'S TRUE...
WHAPPP

WHAP
ALL RIGHT... TAKE YOUR TURN IN THE BATTER'S BOX.
ALL RIGHT... COME ON, UESUGI!

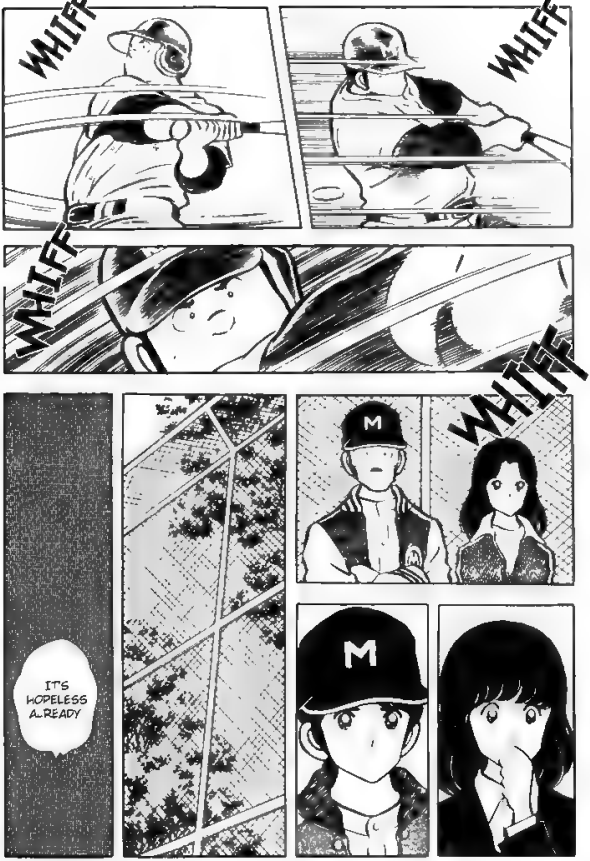
WHAPP
SLAP
THUD
I WANT TO TAKE A CRACK AT UESUGI'S PITCHES.
YOU'RE UESUGI'S USUAL BATTERY MATE, RIGHT? WHY DON'T YOU SWITCH WITH ME?
S-SURE!
WAIT A SEC.

M
GIVE IT YOUR BEST, KOUTAROU-KUN
M
M
M
POP
WHOOSH

CRAASH
CRACK
MA-A-AN, IT'S FAST!
I ONLY GRAZED IT.
YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE TO GET A HIT OFF UESUGI'S PITCHES.
THAT'S OUR KATA-GIRI.
WHAP

ALL RIGHT, UESUGI
NEXT, SHOW ME YOUR HITTING.
CLACNK
KA-KLAWNNK
WHOA!

CLANNNK
PA—KLANNNK
AWE-SOME!
HUH?
ALL RIGHT.
YOU'RE NEXT.
DO YOUR BEST, KOUTAROU.


WHIFF
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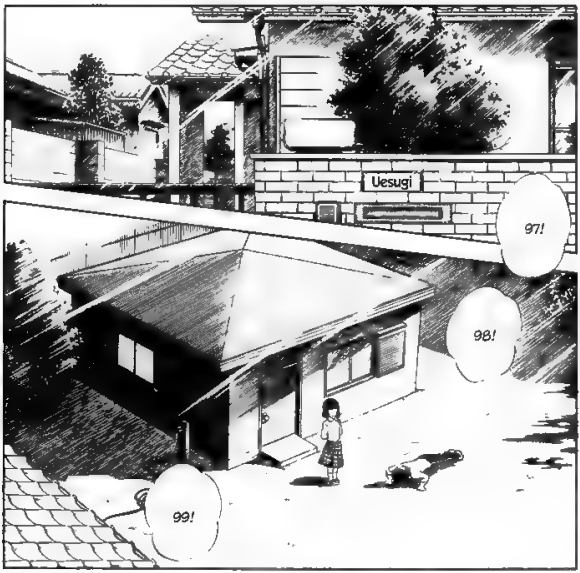
IT'S HOPELESS ALREADY

CLANNNK
THAT'S NOT YOUR TRUE FORM, IS IT?
I'LL BE ON THE BENCH FOR 3 YEARS.
IT'S JUST AS YOUR STUPID ANIKI SAYS...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? WE HAVEN'T JOINED THE TEAM YET.
THAT KATAGIRI GUY IS JUST TOO MUCH...
BUT...
AND "WILL I LOOK COOL CATCHING IT?" AND SUCH, THEN...
"WILL I HIT IT WITH GOOD FORM?"
IF ALL YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT ARE THINGS LIKE,
THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO.
YOU'RE JUST LIKE HIM...
BUT...
HE'S BEEN PLAYING FOR THE BETTER PART OF 2 YEARS, SO IT'S ONLY NATURAL.
YOU WON'T WIN WITH TECHNIQUE...
AND SO, ISN'T IT OKAY?
PUNT!
THE CATCHER IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE DEFENSE...

OHH, HE FIELDS AND HIT'S BETTER THAN KATAGIRI-SAN.
THERE'S AN EVEN BETTER GUY?
THEN, WHAT?
WELL...
BUT THAT GUY ISN'T THE REGULAR CATCHER.
...KATAGIRI-SAN'S POSITION IS FIRST BASE.
THE ONLY THING IS THAT, FOR A CATCHER, DUE TO HIS FATALLY WEAK ARM...
PLEASE LET ME HIT ONE MORE TI-I-IME!
EXCU-U-USE ME!
STRONG-ARMED KOUTAROU-KUN.
GOT IT?

DA-CLAWNK
WHOA-A-A
THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT THAT...
TATSUYA-KUN, WHO'S IN THE PROCESS OF CHECKING OUT THE CLUBS.
Girls Tennis Team

Harada-kun, the Stud


Uesugi
97!
98!
99!

HEYYY...
FOR-WARD BENDS NEXT!
OKAY!
WHEW!
100!

WHEN WE ENTER HIGH SCHOOL, THE SUMMER PRELIMS WILL BEGIN IN A FLASH!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
MEANIE
SPORT
LET ME TAKE A BREAK FOR JUST A BIT, PLEASE.
ALL RIGHT!
THEN, A 30-SECOND BREAK!
BY THE FINAL GAME YOU'LL BE DEAD TIRED FROM THE HEAT!!
AS A 1ST-YEAR ACE, IF YOU DON'T TRAIN SERIOUSLY FROM NOW ON,
WITH YOU, KATCHAN, WE CAN, DEFINITELY GO!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
KOU-SHIEN.
IT'S STILL IMPOSSIBLE THIS YEAR...

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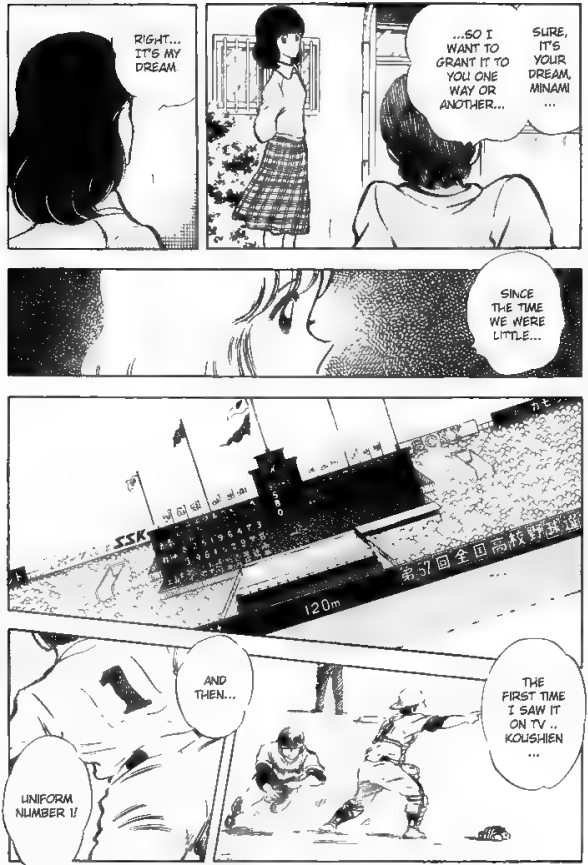
RIGHT... IT'S MY DREAM
...SO I WANT TO GRANT IT TO YOU ONE WAY OR ANOTHER...
SURE, IT'S YOUR DREAM, MINAMI ...
SINCE THE TIME WE WERE LITTLE...
SSK
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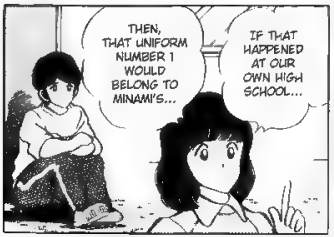
AND THEN...
THE FIRST TIME I SAW IT ON TV .. KOUSHIEN ...
UNIFORM NUMBER 1!

1
IT LOOKED SO COOL

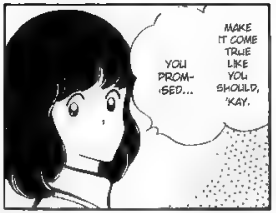

THEN, THAT UNIFORM NUMBER 1 WOULD BELONG TO MINAMI'S...
IF THAT HAPPENED AT OUR OWN HIGH SCHOOL...

MINAMI'S ...?

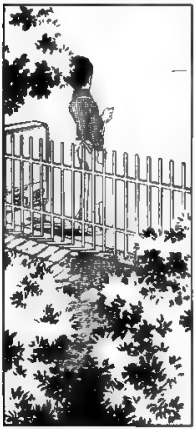
THAT'S MY DREAM.
SEEING THAT FROM THE B.LEACHERS OF KOUSHIEN, RATHER THAN ON TV...

PUNCH
...CHILD-HOOD FRIEND. THAT WOULD BE AWE-SOME...

FORWARD BENDS, FORWARD BENDS!
AH! YOUR BREAK TIME'S OVER!
YES, YES.


YOU PROM-ISED...
MAKE IT COME TRUE LIKE YOU SHOULD, 'KAY.

BACK IN THOSE DAYS I HAD NO IDEA THAT THERE WERE 3000 OR MORE HIGH SCHOOLS PAR-TICIPATING...
YOU SAY I PROM-ISED, BUT...



BE GENTLE.
PUSH!!

YA!
OW OW!

Koushen!
Koushen!
RUFF RUFF
RUFF RUFF

ADF
ADF
UMM...
SHOU-HEI?
HARA-DA?
IS HARADA-SAN HERE?
YIP
YES.
...HE WAS BEHIND THE COUNTER OF THIS SHOP. .
BUT, THE OTHER DAY
A GUY LIKE THAT WOULDN'T BE HERE.

HUH?
HERE.
...TO THE POLICE.
IT'S BETTER IF YOU COMPLAINED ABOUT THAT...
DID HE DO SOMETHING?
WHEN HE TRIES TO OPEN IT, IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE, HUH?
I SEE...
...SO PLEASE GIVE THIS TO HARADA-SAN.
IT WAS ALL RIGHT WHEN I CAME THE OTHER DAY...
A CAP THAT EXPLODES?
HOW ELABORATE...
IT'S A HANDKNIT CAP.
SO THEN, PLEASE GIVE IT TO HIM.

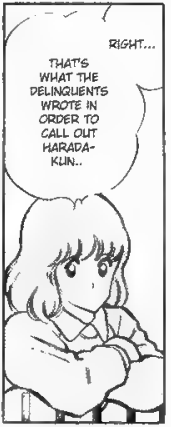
AND SO, THAT'S HER THANK YOU.
THAT PERSON WAS RESCUED BY HARADA-KUN WHEN SHE GOT TANGLED UP WITH SOME DELINQUENTS.

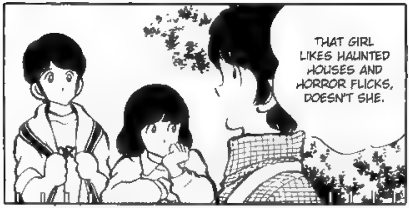
DUMMY!
HOW DO YOU MAKE A HANDKNIT CAP EXPLODE ?

THEN...
THAT LOVE LETTER THE OTHER DAY?

I'VE SEEN SOMETHING SCARY...
HA HA

...THERE WAS SOME TRUTH IN THAT LIE .
MAY-BE...


RIGHT...
THAT'S WHAT THE DELINQUENTS WROTE IN ORDER TO CALL OUT HARADA-KUN..


THAT GIRL LIKES HAUNTED HOUSES AND HORROR FLICKS, DOESN'T SHE.

.....
WHAT DID YOU SAY SHE LIKES?
ARF.
A HAND-KNIT CAP?
KEY COFFEE
COFFEE

YO!
STUD!
IS THAT THE ONLY FACIAL EXPRESSION YOU HAVE?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE GOTTEN ANY PRESENT FROM A GIRL, RIGHT?
TRY AND SHOW MORE HEARTFELT JOY
OPEN IT AND SEE.

REALLY?
LOOKS PRETTY GOOD ON YOU.
WOW, IT'S WELL-MADE...
YES, I WON'T.
SHUSH
MINAMI, WON'T YOU MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THIS FOR ME?
DO YOU THINK I CAN WALK AROUND WEARING SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
EH?
NO.
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU.

GIVE IT BACK TO HARADA-KUN!
THAT'S NO GOOD!
ALL RIGHT, THEN I'LL TAKE IT.
MAYBE THERE'LL BE PIGEONS OR SOMETHING COMING OUT OF IT?
THIS CAP ISN'T JUST A CAP!
I SAID I'M GIVING IT TO HIM.
I WON'T FORGIVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
NO!
NO, THERE MIGHT BE FEELINGS THAT GO BEYOND THAT!
THIS CAP IS THAT GIRL'S GRATITUDE TOWARD YOU, HARADA-KUN...
.....

HA HA
...
MAYBE IT WASN'T WORTH THE MONEY.
OTHERWISE, SHE'D JUST GO AND BUY AN APPROPRIATE ONE AROUND HERE, INSTEAD OF HANDKNITTING ONE
OHH, I'M SURE THAT'S THE CASE.
EVEN IF YOU WON'T WEAR IT, YOU SHOULD HOLD ONTO IT, HARADA-KUN.
I WON'T FORGIVE ANY BEHAVIOR THAT HURTS HER FEELINGS...
ANYWAY, SPEAKING AS A MEMBER OF THE SAME SEX...
WHAT AN ANNOYING GIRL YOU ARE.
HERE, HESUGI.
IT'S UP TO ME WHETHER I'LL GIVE SOMETHING I GOT TO ANYONE!

SLAP!
CRASH
M-MINA-MI
ONCE IN A WHILE, EVEN SOME FORCE IS NEEDED.
BUT Y'KNOW, FORCE THAT ONLY HURTS SOMEONE'S FEE..INGS...
...IS DEFINITELY WRONG

YES!
UESUGI-I-I!!
ANOTHER CUP OF COFFEE
ベルが
Y-YES.
HMM

OH!
WELCO...
HELLO, HARADA-SAN.
YO.

This Year's All Right

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AYE.

TATCHAN, ONE COFFEE, AMERICAN.

AMERICAN-STYLE COFFEE.

AH...

WHAT CAN I GET YOU?

THAT CAP...

HM?

DO YOU LIKE IT?

YEAHH...

SLURP...

IT'S NOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN A BATH THAT LONG?

SO IT'S GOOD IF I KEEP IT HIDDEN.

I HAVEN'T WASHED MY HAIR IN A WHILE...

HOW FILTHY.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT.

FOUR ... FIVE ...

THREE ... TWO, ONE,

.....

IT'S NOT GONNA KILL ME.

EWW!

I'M NOT TOTALLY LIKE SOME MANGA WRITER.

SURE.

MINAMI, CAN YOU MAKE ME A HAM ON TOAST?

THAT'S TRUE.

THANKS TO THE HARD TRAINING, I'VE GOTTEN HUNGRY.

YES.

EH?

UESUGI KAZUYA-SAN?

WOW!

I'M A BIG FAN OF YOURS!

I'M NO STAR.
"FAN"?

TO THINK I COULD MEET YOU IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
WOW, I'M SO HAPPY.

AH, I SEE.

I'VE OFTEN GONE TO SEE GAMES.
I LOVE BASE-BALL.

OH...
NO, NO.
IS SOME-THING AMUSING?
.....
.....
RIGHT !?
RIGHT !?
SAIJOU HIGH.
OHH...
WHICH ONE?
ON A BASEBALL TEAM.
MY OLDER BROTHER ALSO PLAYS IN HIGH SCHOOL...

I'M TERA-SHIMA TOMOKO.

AH, PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

WHAT'S THE NAME?

SAIJOU?

...TERA-SHIMA...

AH, I MEAN, YOUR BRO...

YES.

TERA-SHIMA-SAN, THE ACE?

THAT "SAIJOU" IS A SCHOOL SELECTED FOR THE SPRING KOUSHIEN!

DUMMY!

ARE THEY STRONG? THAT HIGH SCHOOL.

FLUTTER

HE'S A PITCHER? "TERA-SHIMA..."

WHICH ONE SHOULD I ROOT FOR? HOW TROU-BLING...

THIS SUMMER, HE'LL END UP BEING YOUR RIVAL, HM, HESUGI-SAN...

HMMM.

Onkei Sports

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Selections on the 26th

Tournament Ace Leftie, Terashima (Sai...)

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WANNA READ IT?

THAT'S NO GOOD... THE WATER HEATER'S BROKEN.

NO, NOT YET.

ANIKI, HAVE YOU TALKED TO THE GAS COMPANY?

OH, THAT'S RIGHT.

KAZUYA-SAN... YOU'RE A CLEAN PERSON, HM.

THE AMOUNT OF SWEAT KATCHAN WASHES OFF IN A DAY IS DIFFERENT FROM YOU, TATCHAN.

OH, IT'S ALL RIGHT... GOING AT LEAST A DAY WITHOUT TAKING A BATH...

THAT'S NO GOOD.

.....

AH, GOODBYE, HARADA-SAN.

THANK YOU.

HOW MUCH WAS IT?

AH...

500 YEN.

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RATTLE

CREAK

CREAK
CREAK

HIS AGITATION WAS MORE THAN HE COULD HIDE...

.....

YOU SHOULD FEEL BAD THAT YOU RAISED HIS HOPES FOR NOTHING, MINAMI!!

YOUR HAM ON TOAST. SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!

HERE!

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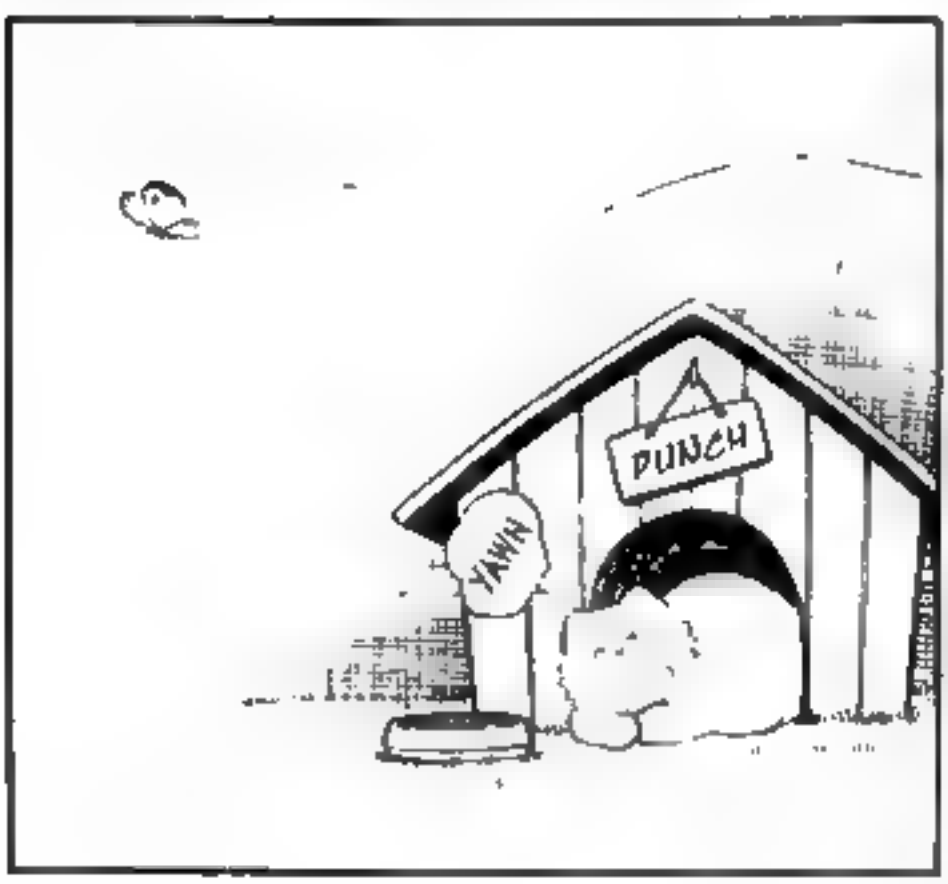

SAIJOU HIGH'S TERASHIMA, THE PITCHER, IS PITCHING UP TO HIS REPUTATION!

THE KOUSHIEN SELECT TOURNAMENT. GAME 2 OF THE SECOND DAY.

UP TO THE 6TH INNING, NAGAO AGRICULTURAL HIGH HAS JUST ONE HIT!

WAHHH!

KEY COFFEE

WAAHHH!

WAHHH!

HE IS INDEED THIS TOURNA-MENT'S BEST LEFTIE...

WELCOME.

RATTLE

HELLO.

WELCOME.

YO.

AH!

WAHHH

AS WE GET INTO THE LATE INNINGS, TERASHIMA-KUN'S PITCHING BECOMES MORE AND MORE MASTERFUL!

WAHHH

HE STRUCK OUT THE SIDE!

TERASHIMA, HUH...

YEAH, BY FAR...

WAHHH

HE'S A TERRIFIC PITCHER, ISN'T HE.

IT'S ALL RIGHT! THIS YEAR, THERE'S KATCHAN!

TWO COFFEES.

...KUROKI-KUN.

LAST YEAR, OUR BASEBALL TEAM WAS SHUT OUT ON A NO-HITTER, RIGHT...

HE'S SUPERB! TERASHIMA, THE PITCHER!

SFX: <WHAM>

HIGH INSIDE CORNER! THE BATTER IS COMPLETELY HELPLESS!

.....

WAHHH

WAHHH

I WONDER ...

THINK YOU CAN BEAT HIM, KATCHAN?

WAHHH

WAHHH

.....

COME NEXT YEAR, HE'LL HAVE GRADUATED, WON'T HE?

WELL, YOU CAN GIVE IT UP FOR THIS YEAR...

CLUB.

EH?

TATSUYA-KUN, HAVE YOU DECIDED WHICH ONE YOU'LL JOIN?

WAHHH

A SUPERB SHUTOUT WIN!

SAIJOU HIGH'S PITCHER, TERASHIMA, ONE-HITS NAGAO AGRICULTURAL HIGH WITH 13 K'S!

GAME OVER!

BATTER'S OUT!

WAHHH

NO, NOT YET.

I'LL BE WAITING.

CLICK

THAT SOMEONE LIKE THAT WOULD BE HERE IN THE SAME DISTRICT.

HOW UNLUCKY ...

KAZUYA WILL WIN.

...

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

...The time to enter High School draws near.

HE'S A GUY WHO NEVER OVER-ESTIMATES HIMSELF.

AND...

SPLASH!

THERE'S A LOOK OF CONFIDENCE IN HIS EYES.

And...

The cherry blossom battle front...

The Koushien Select Tourna-ment...

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